

Best practice for aquatic learning

Principals and lead teachers from Auckland primary schools met at Te Papapa School recently in informal discussions, facilitated by WaterSafe Auckland and attended by Education Minister Anne Tolley.

Discussions focussed on the positive outcomes sustained professional development and learning had on the competence and confidence of teachers; and how this resulted in improved aquatic education outcomes for students, across the curriculum.

The Minister also took time out for students at Te Papapa School to share their aquatic learning with her.



Students share their learning with the Minister. Clockwise from left: Fiailoa Tulai, Elizabeth Rima, Anne Tolley, David Fatialofa-Aue, Junior Aung, Angelik Motuliki, Nathaniel Tangimataiti

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Kids Stuff

Kids

Learn what the dangers are and how to keep yourself safe in the pool, at the beach or waterhole, around rocks or on a boat.

SHARE



- Colouring in activities**
- Pool Safety Games
 - Boat Safety Games
 - Swim School Colouring Comp
 - Beach Safety Game
 - WaterSense Game
 - Activity Sheets

Education

Independent Learning



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Independent Learning Resources

- PDF Crossword - Junior
- PDF Crossword - Scrambled Words
- PDF Crossword - Beach
- PDF Aquatic Sudoku
- PDF Cryptograms
- PDF Letter Tiles
- PDF The Beach 'Double Puzzle'
- PDF Word Search
- PDF Hidden Message 1

End of year aquatic activities

There are many activities on our website for students to use at the end of the year when we want to highlight the importance of water safety to help maximise summer holiday aquatic fun and keep incidents to a minimum.

Visit www.watersafe.org.nz for a variety of puzzles, activities and the WaterSense Wai Ora game, see below.

WaterSense Wai Ora Game

This is an online interactive water safety game designed for primary aged students in years 1-4, with a focus on key water safety messages. It follows the adventures of Sione and his dad as they prepare for a day at the beach, out on a boat and fishing from the rocks.

A certificate can be printed out at the end of the game. Teachers can also print an evaluation that indicates the number of attempts taken to get the correct answer. One attempt O, two attempts □, three attempts △ and four attempts ☆. To play go to www.watersense.org.nz



Pomaria sessions for parents

Ten parents were enrolled in the pilot Community Education programme at Pomaria School in Henderson. The aim of the pilot was to up skill parents who often volunteered at the school to enhance their water safety and learn to swim knowledge and skills.

The outcomes for the school will be more effective parent helpers at the pool, while the outcome for whanau will be the ability to develop swimming ability in children without having to pay for lessons.

Contact us to discuss how we can assist your home-school partnerships

"It was a good experience to learn along side my children"

"Mums and Dads showed up to support their children's learning"

"We came every week because we saw the value of the programme"



Holiday Programmes

170 placements for the Break-Away School Holiday programme were supported with funding from Family and Community Services, Ministry of Social Development.

This enabled students, aged 11 to 13, to self select participation in an intensive programme to further develop their aquatic abilities. The programme was held in Papatoetoe in January and Mount Roskill in April.

Participants had a range of abilities but 100% of them said that they would enrol again if provided with the opportunity.

Watch our website for updates on our summer 2012 programme

Book a SKSS staff PD session for term 4 / term 1

State Kiwi Swim Safe is a comprehensive programme designed to meet Swimming New Zealand's vision and to give school teachers the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver a program that reflects the aquatic requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum.

The programme is designed in three sections: in the classroom, at the pool and at the beach.

WaterSafe Auckland's staff deliver this to Auckland schools at no cost to the school.



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