

Introduction

The aim of Take Action for Water

'Take Action for Water' is a 5-6 week teaching programme for 8-12 year olds. Its aim is to help young people understand the importance of water and how to look after it in daily life. The programme has been developed by the Greater Wellington Regional Council, in partnership with teachers and students. In its first two years over 3100 students have completed the programme.

The 3 stages of the programme give students the opportunity to:

- **Investigate** *about* the environment;
- **Explore** *in* the environment; and
- **Take Action** *for the environment*.

The most important part of the programme is that it empowers students to take action for the environment. The mission is to help keep the water in their local area clean and plentiful. Doing an action project creates a real life, practical learning experience and is a highlight the children enjoy and remember.

Curriculum links

Take Action for Water has been designed to give effect to the NZ school curriculum. It focuses on the following Achievement Objective:

Science, Making Sense of Planet Earth and Beyond, Level 3:

"Students can justify their personal involvement in a school, or class initiated local environmental project."

However, the programme is flexible and can be adapted to fit other curriculum areas. More information on how to integrate the programme throughout the curriculum can be found on page 6. Each action project pamphlet also contains information about curriculum links.

