

SNAPSHOT OF SUCCESS

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2023



WHAT IS KIDS GREENING TAUPŌ?

Kids Greening Taupō (KGT) is an environmental education programme that utilises the work of Greening Taupō and Predator Free Taupō as an authentic learning context for local youth. We involve the tamariki in hands on work restoring and maintaining native plant corridors and carrying out predator control to bring back native birds, bugs and lizards. Through this work we teach about Aotearoa's unique biodiversity, and the way that it is impacted by introduced plants and animals. We aim to connect children with nature in order to develop a life-long love for the environment, and to create the kaitiaki of the future.

Kids Greening Taupō works in schools and ECE centres, setting up and supporting student led restoration projects. We also support schools by offering funding, resources, teacher professional development, and opportunities for them to be involved in planting days and other conservation events. We are very excited to now be working with every school in the Taupō township, as well as many ECE centres, 36 in total! We currently have 2 coordinators, and are looking to hire a new kairuruku reo Māori to work with kura kaupapa and kōhanga reo.

As part of Taupō EEC (Environmental Education Collaborative), we also hold a range of community events to connect people with nature and involve them in local conservation activities.

We have extra-curricular student leadership teams, which involve over 100 students, aged 7-18, from a range of local schools. These students take on conservation leadership roles at their schools, in the community, and at events.



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2023 TANGIBLE OUTCOMES



36

Schools and ECE centres with restoration projects led/supported by KGT

34,900

Native plants planted (with Greening Taupō) this year

9,091

Student and adult volunteer hours actively restoring project areas this year

16,757

Students attended sessions with us this year*

599

Teachers received professional development through our sessions this year*

200+

Free online resources on our website available to schools and ECE centres all over Aotearoa

59,697

Page views on KGT website this year

2700

Facebook Followers

103

Students on our extra-curricular student leadership teams in 2023, aged 7-18 from a range of schools

78

Organisations and businesses that we have collaborated with to put on events or educational sessions this year



\$14,300

Funding (or value of plants) given to 27 schools/ECE centres this year by KGT for projects (through generous sponsors such as Contact Energy, First Credit Union and Possum Run)

*Some teachers/students may have attended more than one session with us and been counted multiple times

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