



## We're an Enviroschool!

At Tawhai School we are proud to be part of the Enviroschools network, fostering a generation of innovative and motivated young people who instinctively think and act sustainably. Our commitment to this kaupapa (guiding philosophy) is woven into the fabric of our school life, empowering our students to make a positive difference in their environment and community.

### What does this mean in practice?

Our students are active leaders in their learning, exploring real-life environmental issues that matter to them. Through hands-on projects they investigate, design, and implement solutions that contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future for us all.

This mahi (work) sees our students:

- **Embracing sustainable practices:** Reducing waste through initiatives like composting and recycling, conserving energy, and making environmentally conscious choices.
- **Connecting with Papatūānuku (the land):** Creating and caring for school gardens, restoring local ecosystems, and learning about native flora and fauna.
- **Honouring Te Ao Māori:** Integrating Māori perspectives to understand and respect the interconnectedness of people and nature.
- **Developing lifelong skills:** Becoming critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and active citizens who understand the importance of kaitiakitanga (guardianship).

As an Enviroschool, we are on an ongoing journey, continually learning and growing in our understanding and practice of sustainability. We believe in nurturing a deep respect for our environment and empowering our students to become confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals ready to shape a sustainable future.



Photo: Our lovely gardeners, Paul and Sally hard at work