

Conservation Club Lesson Plan

Week 1

21st July; Getting to know our space and each other

We will start with a local beach clean-up (Akaroa/Childrens Bay)

Have some afternoon tea while we ask and discuss plans and ideas with the children (and any parents) for the future of the club.

- What would the children like to get out of being a member of the club?
- What would they like to achieve?
- Do they have craft/Project ideas?
- What should our club ethos be?
- What would we like to call ourselves?
- What would they like to see?
- Where would they like to go?
- What would they like to learn about?

Week 2 and 3

28th July and 4th August; Art for fundraising (duration two weeks)

Use photos of Pōhatu for inspiration, ideas and planning to make a group mosaic/mixed media picture of Flea Bay that can then be scanned and turned into a printed tote bag (or similar) to be sold in the shop as a fundraiser for our club and future conservation efforts. This will likely take up 2 weeks to complete the picture.

Week 4

11th August; Baking and Visit to Jubilee Park

Bake some penguin/dolphin cookies. Check out the area at Jubilee Park for native planting and have a clean up there. Plan for what we want to do there with that space. (While the cookies are baking in oven)

Decorate the cookies with icing if there is time once they have cooled.

Week 5

18th August; Native Bees

As we come into spring and the flowers are blooming, lets learn about our native bees and how we can help them. Hollie Hollander? Flore?

Maybe we can consider this with our planting choices at the reserves. Possibly the pavilion garden too?

Week 6

25th August; Woodwork/mixed media

Learn to make a sugar-water bird feeder for the trees outside the Pōhatu Office and the pavilion garden.

(Guest Teacher-Men's shed?)

Week 7

1st September; What belongs here and what does not?

Discuss predators of our native species- Jess?

*Who are they?

*What can we do to help the predated?

Make some predator/prey/hero finger puppets. Use felt/card and any recycled materials we can find. Colour/paint/stitch. Ask Ave to come up with a brief story. 😊

Finish at home if needed and bring along next week.

Week 8

8th September; Puppet show – just for fun for our group

Afternoon Tea

Perform the puppet show.

If there is time, we can walk to Waeckerle's Green to discuss the plans for planting unique flax there. Maybe the man that is planning it can meet us there?

Week 9

15th September; Woodwork

Build some predator traps and nesting boxes – these can be taken to Flea Bay on the holiday programme where we can put some in place? (I am thinking that in winter at 3.30 there will not be time and it will be getting cold over there.)

Week 10

22nd September; What is being done to protect our penguins and vulnerable wildlife?

Karin Bos to give a talk about the conservation dogs (Terry, Bob and Nighdy), the work they do and what they are aiming to achieve.

Questions and pats ... I am sure there will be lots.

End of Term 3!