

Te manu ka kai i te miro, nōna te ngahere.
Te manu ka kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.

The bird that partakes of the miro berry, reigns in the forest.
The bird that partakes of knowledge, accesses the world.

Haere mai ki te whakakīkī haere i ngā kono mātauranga.
Fill your baskets of knowledge by participating in an engaging and memorable education experience with us. Ākonga can learn in either te reo Māori or English, in-person or virtually. We will adapt the content to suit your learners. Email education@wrm.org.nz to book a visit or call us on 06 349 1110 to discuss your learning goals. Bookings are essential for all education groups. All programmes are FREE for schools.



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Our programmes for 2024:



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Te Tiriti o Waitangi, The Treaty of Waitangi

Years 7-13 90-120 minutes

Titiro whakamuri, haere whakamua. An interactive programme about New Zealand's founding document, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi. Visit Pākaitore Moutoa Gardens, where the Treaty was signed. Discover why the Treaty was signed in Whanganui. Explore the three principles of the Treaty of Waitangi: Protection, participation and partnership.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Social Sciences: identity, culture and organisation, continuity and change; place and environment; Te Reo Māori.



Ngā Tamariki a Tangaroa, Sea Week

Preschool-Year 8 90-120 minutes

Bring your tamariki to Whanganui Regional Museum to celebrate the children of Tangaroa. Our bicultural Seaweeek programme is a fun and interactive way to learn more about the sea and its creatures. Listen to Mako and Tuatara, story about a giant shark and a tuatara; pretend to be sea creatures and learn their names in te reo Māori; Sing waiata about your favourite sea creatures; investigate shells from the New Zealand coastline; listen to the moana in a shell!

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Social sciences: place and environment; Te Reo Māori; Science: living world; Arts: sound arts; Health and Physical Education; Education for sustainability

Kōwhaiwhai, Painted Patterns

Years 4-13 90-120 minutes

Tirohia te taiao hei reira ngā tohu mō atou. Using the kōwhaiwhai adorning the wharehenui-styled museum gallery Te-Ātihaunui-a-Pāpārangi, ākonga learn how this traditional art form conveys important attributes and concepts using symbols inspired by the natural world. Ākonga create their own designs incorporating traditional symbols and mathematical concepts of reflection, rotation and translation.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Te Reo Māori; Arts: Visual; Social Sciences: identity, culture and organisation; Mathematics: geometry



Te Marae, The Marae

Years 4-8 90-120 minutes

A fun and interactive programme that is specific to Whanganui kawa and tikanga. Learn about our local Whanganui marae protocols and practice a pōwhiri. Wrap up the programme by designing your own where tūpuna (Meeting house).

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Te Reo Māori; Social Sciences: identity, culture and organisation; place and environment; Arts: visual



Ngā Tākaro, Toys and Games

Year 1-8 90-120 minutes

Tākaro mai! Come and play! Explore toys and games with no batteries or screens from different cultures and time-periods. Learn how to make simple toys using everyday materials and take away a toy or game to enjoy at school or at home. We have an excellent collection of toys from the past with a specific focus on Māori games. Seek and find toys of the past in our Museum displays followed by a fun programme to suit your learners.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Social sciences: all strands; Technology; Science: physical world; Te Reo Māori; Health and Physical Education

Ngā Hākinakina, Outdoor Games

Years 1-8 90-120 minutes

Akona ki te koa, ka tere te mau. Spring and summer are great for enjoying outdoor games with your students. We can provide your class or school with a great range of traditional Māori games and old-fashioned picnic games such as egg-and spoon, sack and three-legged races using a location of your choice. Several classes can participate at a time or we can run a selection of stations as part of your school sports-day.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Social sciences: all strands; Health and PE; Te Reo Māori



Tiroiro Haere - Museum Explorer

Years 1-3 40-60 minutes

Ka mīharo kē ai ki tāu e kitea mai! Join us for a general introduction to the Museum and the amazing taonga we care for. Use our Museum Explorer activities in pairs or groups. Students have great fun discovering fascinating treasures throughout the Museum.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Specific curriculum learning areas integrated by negotiation



Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui River

Years 4-13 90 minutes

Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au, I am the river and the river is me. Ākonga investigate relationships with Te Awa Tupua, the Whanganui River, from the past to the present, and discuss how we can uphold the health and well-being of our river.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links

Te Reo Māori; Social Sciences: all strands

Pakimaero, Traditional stories

Preschool-Year 8 40-90 minutes

He aha te kura huna I ngā pakiwaitara ā kui, ā koro mā?

Pakimaero are stories passed down through the generations to support learning about history and traditions. Your atouki will love listening to and participating in these stories including He Pakanga o Nga Maunga (Battle of the Mountains), Tutaeporoporo (Whanganui River taniwha), Te Ika a Maui (Maui's Fish) and more.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Te Reo Māori; Social Sciences: all strands



Papatūānuku Rocks

Preschool-Year 2 40-90 minutes

Learn about the three types of rock that make up our land - New Zealand. Igneous: rocks on fire. Sedimentary: layered rocks. Metamorphic: rocks that change. Listen to traditional pūrākau about Ruaumoko, the Atua of earthquakes and volcanoes.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Te Reo Māori; Science: nature of science; living world; physical world; material world;



Mahi Harakeke, New Zealand Flax

Years 4-13 90 minutes



Nau mai ki te whare o Hineteiwaiwa. Discover the versatile qualities of harakeke and find out about the traditional importance of this amazing plant. Learn about tikanga (protocols) and conservation in our on-site pā harakeke (NZ flax plantation). Tamariki will learn and practice techniques to process harakeke at their own skill level and make something personal to take away.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Technology; Social Sciences: all strands; Learning languages: Te Reo Māori; Science: living world

Whanganui, Wanganui

Years 4-13 90 minutes

Kia ako tātou ki ngā tohu kōrero o te takiwā. Wherever people live, they identify and name important landmarks. Significant sites with historic names, monuments and unique structures are found throughout Whanganui, including Pukenui/Queens Park and Pākaitore/Moutoa Gardens. Learn how Whanganui place-names have changed over time and how these changes reflect our shared histories. Use this programme to support student learning about te Tiriti o Waitangi, and Aotearoa New Zealand history.

Marau mātauranga, Curriculum links:

Aotearoa New Zealand history; Social sciences: all strands; English: all strands; Learning languages: Te Reo Māori



Pitopito Kōrero • Museum Information

Te tono kaupapa ako - Programmes by Request

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If you can't see something that suits your ākonga,
call us to discuss your learning needs.

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Utu - Programme Costs

Our education programmes are provided free with
support from the Ministry of Education.
A koha is greatly appreciated.

Whakapā mai - Contacts

Contact our education team to discuss how we can
support and enrich your classroom learning
during 2024.

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