

kids first



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Hi kids...
welcome to
2019!

I hope you all had a great summer holiday! I had a great time camping and spent hours



Jimmy

swimming in the river and in the pool. It got me thinking about how important water is to us! So I'm going to teach you all about how precious our water is, and some ways that we can stop wasting so much of it! How about you have a go at the competition over the page and **you could win \$50 for your savings!**

Stay cool super savers!

WATER IS PRECIOUS.

In a Maori world view, the Earth is a living entity. Papatu-a-nuku (the earth mother) is both our ancestor and our provider. People are descended from her through the atua (maori 'gods'). The atua are the environment and as descendants of the atua, people are part of the environment.

Water being part of that environment, we are water and water is us (this is also true in a scientific world view where humans are 70% water).

A taonga is a heartfelt treasure of immense value. If we respect and value water, and feel our connection with it as a part of the environment, then we must be responsible to care for it. We need to look after earth's resources in a sustainable way to ensure her gifts remain for future generations. We need to think of water (and earth's other gifts) as taonga.

Let's work together to...

SAVE WATER



WATER IS AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE THAT WE ALL USE EVERY DAY!

Even though we have a steady supply of clean water in New Zealand, it is often not used as wisely as it should be. We use fresh water for more things than ever before and supplies are reducing in many parts of the world. Even in NZ we can have water shortages. During most summers we have water alert levels that restrict sprinklers and sometimes no outdoor water use is allowed.

GETTING CLEAN DRINKING WATER IS HARD WORK!

When possible, water is collected from rivers or streams where the source is as clean as possible to start with. At the strainer house, water passes through rotating screens that are finer than a flour sieve. Big items, such as, grit, sand, gravel, rocks, sticks and leaves are flushed back into the river.

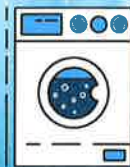
It's easier to get the tiny dirt particles out if we can clump them together! In big tanks, chemicals are added to attract the particles like a magnet and stick them together into larger particles called floc.

The floc is large enough to sink so that we can separate it easily from the water. After spinning the floc to remove any excess water, the clean water goes through a series of filters which trap and separate out any last particles. Water passes through Ultra Violet (UV) lights removing any remaining micro organisms.



The clean drinking water then has a long way to go from the water treatment plant, through pipes to local storage reservoirs and then through more pipes before it reaches our taps. **This can take hours!** We add chlorine to the water to kill any bugs that may remain in the water or that might get into the water over the long journey. The water is monitored throughout the treatment process to make sure it is safe.

Wash your pets or your car on an area of your lawn that needs water.



Keep a jug of drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap until it is cold enough to drink.

Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth or even while you are washing your hair in the shower.



Try not to splash water out of the pool when you are cooling down this summer!

Encourage mum and dad to buy water efficient appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines.



Showers use less water than a bath, and try to keep your showers under 5 minutes.

HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE OUR PRECIOUS WATER?

There are many ways that you could save a little bit of water at home. It might not seem like much but if everyone did the same then it could be huge!

plant a tree!

winners

We had some amazing entries into our 'Plant a Tree' competition!

Congratulations to the winners - **Bianca Winstanley-Mounsey** from Ohaupo School, and **Shya Atutahi** from Deanwell School. **Congratulations! You've both won \$50 for your savings!**



Bianca



Shya

WIN \$50

Can you help the water find its way to the tap? We learnt that it can take hours for clean water to make it there - I hope you do it quicker than that! Return your completed maze with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it before Friday 29 MARCH 2018 to PO Box 585, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton.

We will draw out two lucky super savers who will each win \$50 for their savings!



NAME

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ADDRESS

Hey mum! Hey Dad!

Make next Christmas stress free and easier on your account!

Our Christmas Club savings account will help you get ready for the silly season! Save as little as \$5 a week and you will have \$240* to spend over the festive season. You'll earn a great interest rate on your savings. Funds become available in November, so you can't dip into it during the year!

*Savings calculated from the first week of January to the last week of November.



final funny...

Q: What runs, but never walks?

A: Water!

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