



INNOVATIVE LEARNING TOOLKIT

PROJECT TITLE: Weed hunt

Tags; school, games

Overview

An inspiring example of how to use games and fun, alongside traditional hands-on education.

Detail

Project Twin Streams Opanuku Stream and the Forest and Bird Society Kiwi Conservation Club (kids), were brought together in an area full of both weeds and native plantings to embark on a weed hunt devised by the two organisations.

The children were given the booklets and sent off to find certain weeds carefully supervised by adults to ensure they didn't damage the environment in any way. When they found the weeds they had to bring examples back so they could then share this material together.

30 native plants were then laid out, and each child was given one plant, together with some instructions about how to plant it, how to identify it, and some of its uses and characteristics. The hunt, together with the one to one attention for the children was very effective as a way of engaging and informing the group in a hands-on and fun way.