



# St. Francis Xavier School, Whangarei

The Clean Green Stream Team won the International Community Problem Solving Finals in Michigan, U.S.A., with their stream investigation.

## **Investigation:**

It took a few dead eels and a group of lively thinkers, to understand the value of protecting the streams, in order to protect the harbour.



## **Exploring alternatives for change:**

Developing a plan of action -  
The aim was to develop people's awareness of the need to take responsibility for our local waterways, so that they may be protected.

## **Taking Action to promote awareness.**

- presenting to local groups and businesses, including Rotary.
- sharing the stories with other schools.
- creating a display at the Whangarei Public Library.
- speaking to our local MP., Phil Heatley.
- writing articles for our local newspapers.
- designing and delivering brochures.
- sharing discoveries and interviewing with our local radio station.
- developing an article for the MarineNZ website.
- participating in the "Drains to Harbour" programme.



## **Reflecting on change:**

A year's work that led to a greater understanding of human impact on the environment. Action that led to inspiration for others. Ongoing student planning and action - planting and maintaining the stream area. Progress FOR a sustainable world.

