

### Science Fair

Successful in the 2007 Central North Science Fair, Billie Berry and Aleisha Halvorson once again followed a conservation theme for 2008 with their investigation *The Green Pages*: a catalogue of contacts for local residents with questions or concerns on environmental issues, to help conserve our precious Whangarei Heads environment. Anna Cresswell and Jemma Vinson aim to preserve our clean harbour by gathering and analysing the debris washed down our drains and into the harbour.



Science Fair  
Billie & Aleisha



Science Fair  
Anna & Jemma



Fern Valley  
Planting trees for  
Arbor Day



Vegetable Gardens  
- working with  
children

### Fern Valley

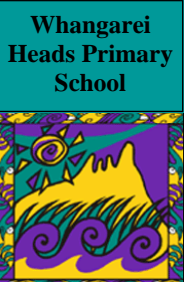
This highly valued, special area at the foot of Manaia was designed and created by our students as an on-going project to regenerate native bush. This year our Year 7 and 8 technology class completed an information board outlining the native species growing there, to encourage our extended school community to learn about our native plants. On Arbor Day, students planted more trees in Fern Valley – to sustain the growth of this area. Recently, we hosted Glenbervie School's Enviro Group who wanted to find out more about what we have achieved at our school.



Fern Valley  
Children visiting  
from Glenbervie

### Vegetable gardens

This year we have a Horticulture group working on site. Our students are involved in creating no-dig gardens to grow vegetables. We feel it is important that our children learn the process of growing vegetables from seed to table.



### Whangarei Heads Dreaming

Our motto - *Our place to grow and learn together* - created in consultation with our school community, reflects the values and aspirations of our school. Our key values of Creativity, Belonging, Responsibility,

Achievement and Fun, link strongly to the environment. Our school community wish our children to learn to be responsible citizens: taking responsibility for creating a sustainable future for our local environment is an important part of this.

Our school, on the doorstep of Mt Manaia, is within a community featuring many conservation areas. Not surprisingly, our children are passionate about their environment and many of our classroom activities naturally incorporate an environmental theme.