

Movin' March Learning Resource

Week 3: Environment

Teacher Notes

The theme for Week 3 in Movin' March is:

Mā raro, mā wīra rānei nā te mea he pai ake mō te taiao!
I walk or wheel because it's good for the environment. It's kinder on the planet!

The purpose of these activities is to make students aware that “active travel” is a really easy way for us to reduce our carbon footprint. We can actively do something about climate change, by reducing our carbon footprints and caring for our planet, Papatūānuku.

- Discuss how active journeys are good for the environment, e.g.: when we walk or wheel, there are fewer cars which means less congestion, lower carbon emissions and pollution.
- Show these videos to your class and discuss what they learnt, and what they can do differently.

Watch A Māori Creation Story - Ranginui and Papatūānuku (5 minutes, 17 seconds)

<https://youtu.be/g1Kpekzyppg0>

Discuss how the land is our earth mother. How should we treat her? And our Atua?

Car engine pollution: Watch this powerful 15 second visual presentation of how much carbon a car can produce, when its engine is running for one minute, posted by the Mayor of London, UK, Sadiq Khan.

https://twitter.com/_dmoser/status/1567052846801059840?t=WpkzJ9o5bOWZaYnk5_02_A&s=08

What is climate change? Watch this video: (1 minute, 52 seconds).

<https://youtu.be/QlQ-MEZgRGY>

What is a carbon footprint? What can you do about yours? Watch this 2-minute video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YseZXXfT_yY

Simpleshow explains the Carbon Footprint: Watch this 2-minute video:

https://youtu.be/8q7_aV8eLUE

- **Go for a walk outside** and breathe in the fresh air. Discuss this:
Ko au te whenua, Ko te whenua ko au. Me tiaki te whenua.
I am the land, and the land is me. Look after the land.

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Useful Links

- [Active Travel Action](#) – Greater Wellington and Enviroschools:
 - See 3:2 Climate Change p75
 - See 3:3 Atua I te taiao p77
 - See 1:2 Everything is connected p21
 - See 4:1 How are we travelling to school? p100
 - See 4:2 Counting up our carbon emissions p101
- [Resources and Activities](#), Greater Wellington's Getting to school website
- [Ready Steady Go!](#) Active Travel resource from Auckland Transport
- [Te Whare Tapa Wha](#) – Sparkle rs: Te whenua / Te Taiao

See [Resources and Activities](#) for more weekly themes and complementary resources.
The [Whānau Photo Competition](#) also features the benefits of active travel for tamariki and whānau.