

Term 1

# Education News

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## Welcome

- I trust you all had an enjoyable summer break, and are back into the swing of a new school year?
- Rotokare has been a hive for recreation this summer, with the lake remaining open for use, for the first time in 3 years. Cooler weather and high rain fall, kept the cyano-bacterial bloom in check!
- In mid-January I attended the biannual New Zealand Association for Environmental Education conference in Hamilton, it was an excellent conference in which many teachers attended. Hopefully more teachers from Taranaki make it to the next one in 2014 down in Christchurch.
- I look forward to working with you all this year. Best wishes for a great term 1.

**Melissa Jacobson**  
Environmental Educator

## Rotokare Education Programme in HIGH demand!

All the hard work has paid off! Our education programme is booked solid for term 1 this year. An astounding 32 classes will come out to Rotokare over the 10 week term, for what will be amazing hands on learning experience.

Schools and teachers are urged to make booking enquires as early as possible.

To avoid disappointment, call us now to secure your classes/schools visit in terms 2, 3 or 4 this year

## Rotokare Calendar



### Term 1, 2012

- ▶ Bookings being taken for school trips to Rotokare in terms 2, 3 and 4
- ▶ Bookings being taken for Melissa to attend and speak at **staff meetings**.
- ▶ **Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> February** – World Wetlands Day Event, hosted by Rotokare. Fun filled day and a BBQ, begins at 10am.
- ▶ **Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Rotokare education open day, massive day with lots to see and do, from 10 – 4pm

## Attention Year 12 Biology Teachers!

Are you planning to use the ecology standard 2.6 and or 2.1 in 2012?

I am in the final stages of creating a visit tailored to these standards; this includes resources to use with students prior to and after their visit.

There are days still available in term 2 to participate in this programme

**Contact us for more information.**

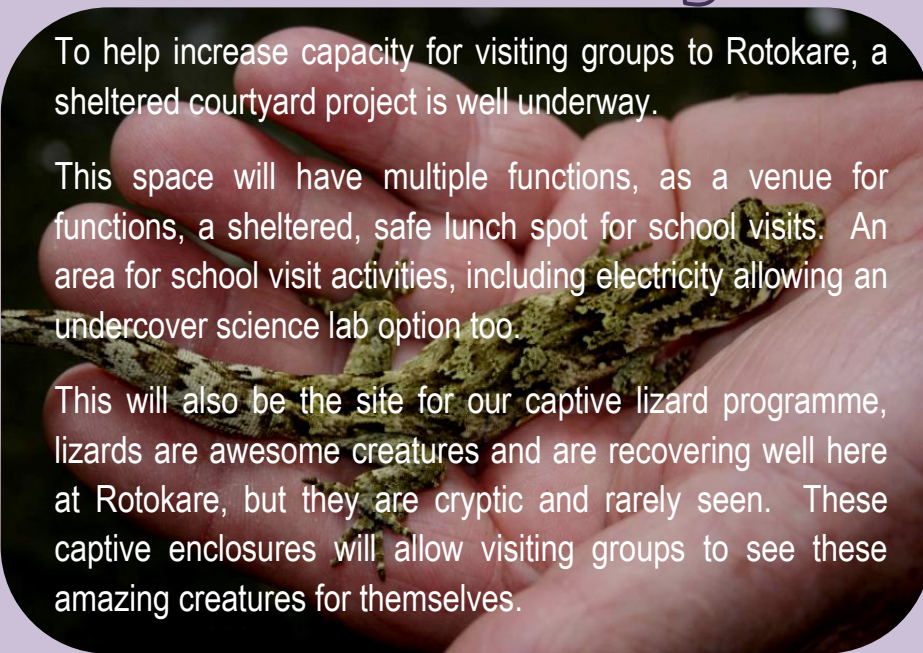
# Lizard Courtyard



To help increase capacity for visiting groups to Rotokare, a sheltered courtyard project is well underway.

This space will have multiple functions, as a venue for functions, a sheltered, safe lunch spot for school visits. An area for school visit activities, including electricity allowing an undercover science lab option too.

This will also be the site for our captive lizard programme, lizards are awesome creatures and are recovering well here at Rotokare, but they are cryptic and rarely seen. These captive enclosures will allow visiting groups to see these amazing creatures for themselves.



## Rotokare Enviro-Rangers Page

How many 3 letter or more words can you create from the following word:

### Regeneration

5 Fair

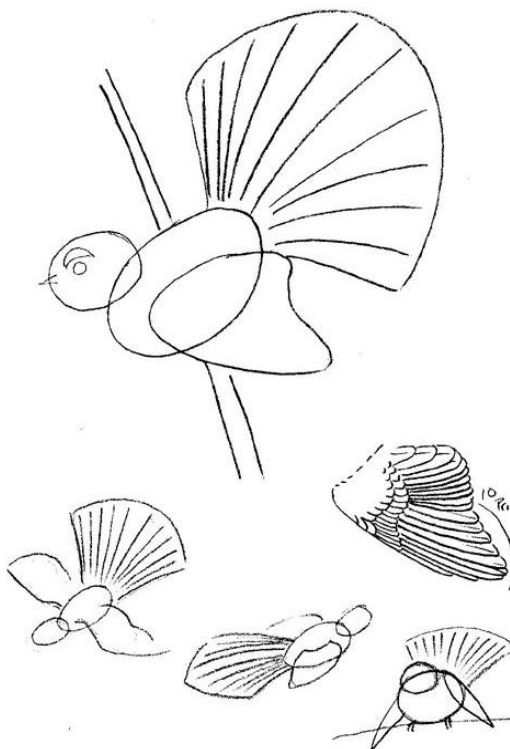
6-8 Good

9-11 Excellent

12-15 Tremendous

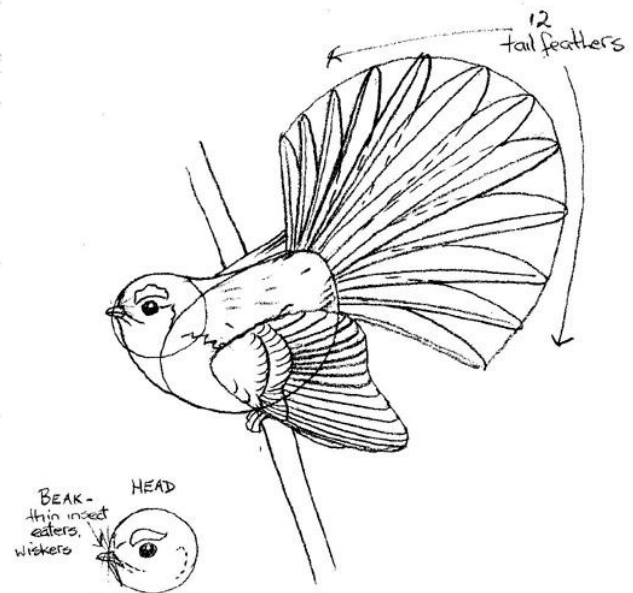
16-19 Amazing

20+ Outstanding



### How to draw a fantail (piwakawaka)

From: <http://www.janetmarshall.co.nz>



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Rats and mice are sneaky; they live where ever humans live.

If you are visiting Rotokare this summer, please take a minute to stop, and check (your bags, boat and vehicles) for pesty stowaways.

## Thanks for helping us stay pest-free!

