

Kaitiaki Champions

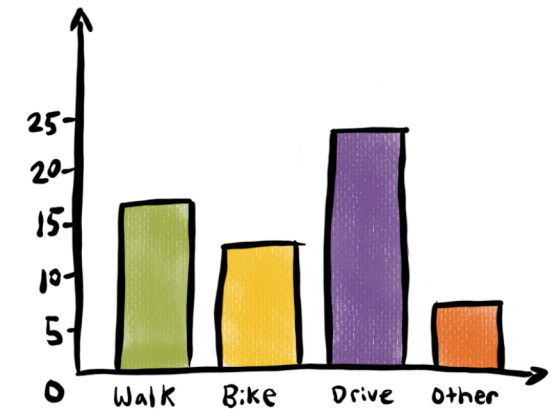
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Why this activity?

This activity provides a welcome opportunity to take your learning outside but also support the long-term learning and role to care for our environment.

You'll need:

Your adventurous tamariki! A sunny day will help too!



What to do:

Kōrero about what they understand about kaitiakitanga - at its simplest, taking care of the environment and preserving nature. Let them know that they have lots of options to explore some research and learning about their local taiao.

You might like to offer this list of ideas to tamariki, or ask that in groups they all investigate one topic.

- Research new ways to protect and care for the taiao? Look to see if these can be implemented at your school or inside the community.
- Collect rubbish inside the school and perhaps think of ways to support environmentally safe ways of disposing of rubbish
- Identify two rākau and investigate how they support our environment, and us!
- Find some evidence of wildlife at your school or kura - a nest, some tracks. What might the wildlife be - does it need protecting, or perhaps eradicating?
- Research and create some cool graphs of how tamariki are traveling to school and how this supports te taiao.
- Explore the wellbeing benefits of being outside - this might include some experiments, e.g. tamariki asking their peers to spend time outside, and 'measuring' their mood before and after doing so - this could be via a personal account, or their observations!

You might ask that tamariki report back with a presentation for their class, to the principal or as part of a community event. Or they could look to their next steps and send letters to your local council, shopping centre community, or offer to support local environmental initiatives such as Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation).

Whānau engagement:

Invite tamariki to share their learning with whānau and perhaps as part of this mahi, they create some practical things that they can implement with their whānau as kaitiaki champions. If you're asking tamariki to present their mahi, then invite whānau to see these.