

Students' science fair focus on water

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WATER was the focus at Te Wharekura O Ruatoki School on Tuesday last week at the school's first-ever science fair.

Year 1 to year 8 students staged a show-and-tell morning for their parents and other students.

Teacher Timoti Harawira said the fair was the school's first as no one had

driven it in the past.

He said the event's theme was water and its importance to the environment.

"The idea started at the beginning of the term when students were travelling to Whakatane twice a week for swimming lessons and learning water safety; and it just grew from there."

Earlier this term the students went up the Whakatane River for a three-day trip to learn about water and the environment. They studied the life cycle of an eel, how rain clouds are

formed and how big rivers are formed from small streams.

The trip was planned to give the students hands-on learning experience about the environment around them.

The science fair featured a display from each class showing and explaining one topic of their trip, and something that they had learnt.

"This will now be the first of many, and next term we might do one on mathematics," Mr Harawira said.



SMOOTHIES: Teacher Ngawaiata Turnbull helps students Hinekiwaiiua Thrupp-Pivac and Mihiata Teepa learn that water is also found in food.
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SCIENCE FUN: An experiment conducted by Wiremu Purewa and Tanemoeahi Takamore, both 12, determines which of salty or fresh water conducts electricity best.
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HOT WATER TEST: Maumahara Heremia, 12, demonstrates, above right, that hot water on top of cold water will not mix as the hot water is lighter.
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WATER TESTING: Te Motol Harawira, 10, Hokimoana Tihī, 13, and Kohitu Mokomoko, 14, pour different types of water into small classes so other students can then guess where it came from.
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