

POINT VIEW SCHOOL

Waterwise Sailing Programme under threat

Point View School has been fortunate to be able offer the Waterwise Learn to Sail Programme to Year 6 students for the last twelve years.

This sailing programme operates under the auspices of Yachting New Zealand. Three local schools that belong to the Howick Schools' Waterwise Society Incorporated, share optimist yachts, kayaks, life jackets, patrol boats and wetsuits.

This unique programme teaches water safety, sailing optimist yachts and kayaking. It also provides many opportunities outside the classroom to practise many of our key competencies such as self-management, relating to others, taking risks, problem solving and making decisions. These are desired qualities of a 21st century learner.

Teachers and parents who have trained to become Yachting NZ Waterwise instructors are qualified to teach this programme. Each Year 6 class attends four sessions held at Howick Beach. The instructors are well equipped to teach the required skills and ensure the safety of all children. Participation in Waterwise is one of the highlights of any student who attends Point View.

The success of this programme is dependent on the commitment of teachers, instructors and parent helpers. As organiser of this programme for many years I am extremely grateful to those who have shown such enthusiasm and energy in the past but for the last two seasons we have struggled to have enough parent involvement. Currently, of our seven active instructors, only three are still parents of Point View.

The Waterwise Programme is in serious jeopardy of having to stop, due to the lack of community support. This is a final plea to any parents who are available to train as instructors. If you think you may be able to save the programme please return the slip below to the office or email r.hibberd@pointview.school.nz

Regards
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I am interested in learning more about training as a Waterwise Instructor

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