

EOTC UPDATE

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome to this EOTC update. We trust you find value in the information made available. The issue has gone widely to include the National EOTC Database network, as it contains information that will benefit their planning and actions for 2018. We ask EOTC coordinators to forward the Update to their staff and encourage them to [subscribe](#).

Two recent issues of the EONZ membership publication, Te Whakatika, have carried strong themes that are current, of high-interest, and relevant to contemporary EOTC. They have been made available to this wide audience in PDF format.

- [Issue 32: Māori in the Outdoors](#)
- [Issue 34: Gender in Education Outside the Classroom](#)

Other back issues are available on the [EONZ website](#)

Thank you to readers who engaged in the national EOTC research survey run earlier this term. The survey is the first phase of the National EOTC Research Project, which investigates how EOTC is being used and the issues schools are facing in offering them. We look forward to the findings of the project during 2018.

2018 PLD

The following workshops will be available in 2018:

Primary-level

[Connecting with contexts, concepts and colleagues](#): Registrations are now open for workshops to be held in March 2018. This workshop is part of the **Networks of Expertise: HPE PLD** project that will run until mid-2018. See information about the project on the workshop link.

Secondary-level

[Place-responsive approaches to Outdoor Education](#): This exciting and forward-thinking approach to curriculum design is applicable to junior camp and senior level programmes.

EOTC PLD - primary and secondary level

[EOTC & effective safety management systems](#) 2-day PLD that unpacks good practice principles and supports teachers to implement and develop quality EOTC systems in their schools.

RESOURCES

Marine

[World of Whales Education Kit](#) Developed by Project Jonah, this material is available free to schools off their website.



Photo: from the Project Jonah website

See the kit in action on [UTube](#).

[Sea Week – Kaupapa Moana](#). Seaweek is New Zealand's annual national week about the sea. When: Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 March 2018. The theme is "*Toiora te Moana – Toiora te Tangata – Healthy Seas, Healthy People*". Start planning now.



Project-based learning

[Nature Space](#) is a website designed to support community ecological restoration efforts. Organisations and project groups from across the country provide information on the site. Use the website to find conservation activity near you as you look to develop local and project-based learning.



Nature and real-world experiences

[Embedding good practice systems for EOTC](#) 1-day PLD targeting teachers who have a good understanding of current good practice and whose schools have existing EOTC management frameworks in place. The workshops use the new [Safety Management Plan \(SMP\) template](#) to cast a critical lens on alignment with good practice.

CURRICULUM PLANNING TOOLS

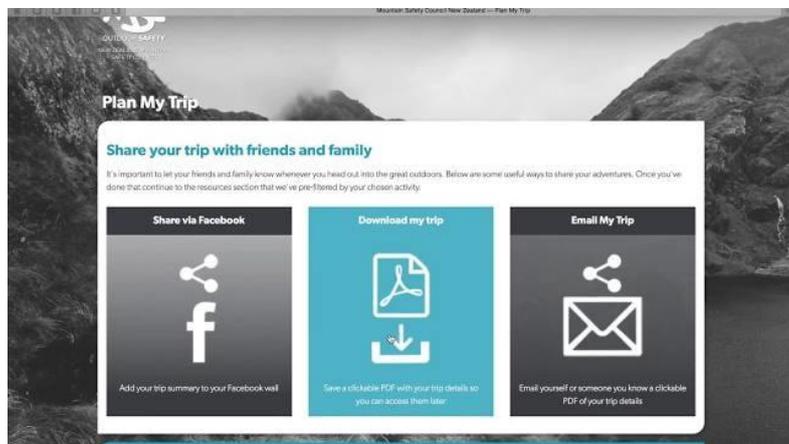
[Remixing the Key Competencies: A curriculum design deck](#) is a set of collaboration planning cards produced by NZCER. There is a similar set called [Remixing Achievement Standards: A curriculum integration design deck](#).



Development of an EONZ resource focussing on **Revisoning School Camps** is underway. The resource is part of the [Networks of Expertise HPE PLD](#) project. Thank you to those who have offered shown interest in its development. It's not too late to email [Libby Paterson](#), from the project steering group, if you missed doing so.

OUTDOOR PLANNING TOOLS

[Plan my Trip](#) is a new interactive planning tool developed by the Mountain Safety Council (MSC) and now LIVE. This is a "must check" for anyone venturing out. Use the summer break to trial it and receive relevant alerts, forecasts and resources. Then look to incorporate into programme development with your students.



From the MSC homepage

[Short Walks and Day Hikes](#) is a Department of Conservation web-based resource that carries information on where you can select for region, duration, difficulty and more.

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

The [National Certificate in Recreation and Sport \(EOTC\)](#) has been designed for teachers and EOTC coordinators. Find out who on your staff will benefit from this award and whether you or staff qualify for a significant subsidy to complete. The qualification:

- Validates the role of a professional in EOTC to school boards of trustees and parents
- Formally acknowledges specialist EOTC skills and knowledge

Check these links to recent commentary and stories in the media.

- [Bringing nature into playgrounds](#)



Photo: Emma Woods - facebook

- [Learning through Risk](#) An Interview with Tim Gill from the UK Forest Schools movement.

"If we want the next generation to care about this planet they live on, they need to feel a connection to it - those connections, those attachments are best formed at an early age."

- [Taking children out into the world vital](#) A Manawatu pre-school teacher wins Australian Excellence in Teaching award.

Plastic dilemmas, plastic solutions

Unpack the information at [SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING](#), and watch the *Replas* video.

[The soft plastic recycling scheme at risk](#). This Radio NZ interview offers a number of critical thinking and action possibilities for students.

[Pillons Point School](#) are trying to make a difference to their future. They have come up with a simple idea to reduce the use of plastic straws and wrappers used in the Fonterra Milk for School programme. If the link provided doesn't work, go to the Pillons Point School facebook page and scroll down to 8 December. The linked video has had over 19,000 views.

- Provides a valuable professional development opportunity
- Provides a useful stepping stone in a career pathway

Outdoor First Aid

Consider the nature of your EOTC programmes and the inclusion of appropriate First Aid training across your staff. Check out this comprehensive list of [Outdoor First Aid course options](#) compiled by MSC.

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