

Notebook

Term 2, 2011

Puke Ariki



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Greetings from the Puke Ariki Education Team!

This term we welcome some new faces to the Puke Ariki team: Keri Elvin, our new Educator and Tara Ward, our part-time Administrator. Keri comes to us from New Plymouth Girls High and is also involved with Adult Community Education. We're also pleased that Hoani Eriwata, who worked with us on a contract basis, is now also a permanent part of the Education team. We look forward to a busy term at Puke Ariki, with exciting programmes available for your pupils!

Rob Groat, our Educator based at Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki in Patea, is thrilled that the museum will reopen on Saturday. Rob has several interesting programmes planned for Term 2 – contact Rob for further information (rob.groat@stdc.govt.nz).

60 SPRINGS

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION CREATIVITY

Check out the results from the 60 Springs Project at St Joseph's School in Waitara. The 18 Pupils in the Wetland Extreme Team (WET for short!) are on a mission to make the school wetland fun and interactive. WET investigated the life, history and future use of the wetland and tracked the learning on a blog: wetlandextremeteam.blogspot.com.

For information about our 60 Springs programme contact Nathan Hills (hillsn@npdc.govt.nz).

Stranger Than Fiction

Main Exhibitions Gallery, 14 May – 7 August 2011

We're taking class bookings for our special new exhibition: Stranger than Fiction. **It's time to exercise your imagination!** We've found the **unusual**, the **unexplained** and the **uncommon** from our collection, but this time it's up to **YOU** to tell **US** a story about the intriguing objects on display. **Speculate** about what the specimens might be, consider where these **curiosities** came from, or ponder how these **peculiar** things were used. There's only one rule: the stranger the better!

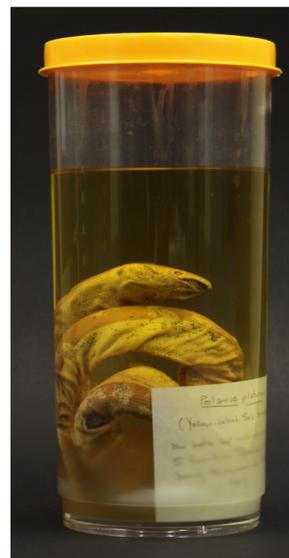
Classes for **Years 1-8** are available **16 May-8 July 2011** (lesson duration 1¼ hours).

Student activities include:

- Investigating cryptic clues
- Fantastical storytelling
- Imagining curious scenarios
- Creating a peculiar museum treasure

Return to school with your own curious class exhibition to share.

To book, contact us at the details below or make an online booking enquiry at www.pukeariki.com/research/education/educationprogramme.aspx.



What's the story behind this yellow-bellied fellow? You tell us!

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