

Science sparks joy at the library

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EASTBAY Reap jumped on board to celebrate the 10th birthday of Te Kōputu, Whakatāne’s library and exhibition centre last week.

Two busloads of students from four classrooms at Awakeri School joined the House of Science team at the library, with an array of station activities selected from the science literacy library.

The three stations, Climate Change, What’s the Buzz and Hot Stuff, each focused on a different topic.

What’s the Buzz taught the students about bees and their significance, Hot Stuff centred on all things energy, particularly thermal energy, and Climate Change looked at global warming, its impacts and how to help.

Eastbay Reap House of Science is supported by Trust Horizon, which has partnered with Eastbay Reap’s project to increase scientific literacy within the Eastern Bay.

“We are super grateful to Trust Horizon for not only sponsoring the new kits but enabling the additional two kits to our science literacy library through funding the purchase.

“It was also handy to have Derek, the trust manager, on hand to facilitate a few hands-on activities,” Eastbay REAP facilitator Kelly Brooks said.

“It was a really successful day. The kids had heaps of fun, there were some great conversations flowing.

“A milestone like this is the perfect time to come together and wānanga.”



HOT POP: Awakeri School teacher Martie Andrew tests a balloon’s thermal limits, with the help of students Ollie Yates and Kharn Kingi. Photos Brayden Lindsay E2346-29



FRICION FUN: Kelly Brooks, Eastbay Reap facilitator, measures the thermal energy of friction by using a heat gun. E2346-02



BELIEVE IT: Students look at bees under a magnifying glass. E2346-04



MELTING MADNESS: Siobahn Watkins, Harper Tuwairua-Masters and Ayla Hyndman watch ice melt on different surfaces. E2346-53



SMILES FOR SCIENCE: Lacey Hennesy-Mckay and Ava Whitewood learn lots at the library. E2346-62

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