



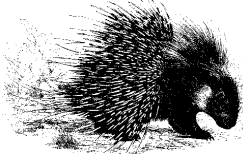
Orana Wildlife Park

Zoo School - Where learning comes alive!

Zoo News - Term IV

WHAT'S NEW?

Orana's keepers need to take care when working with our recent addition—Sage, an 18 month-old prickly porcupine! Contrary to popular belief, porcupine cannot shoot their quills. When threatened they will stamp their feet and rattle their quills while growling and grunting. If this warning is ignored, the porcupine will charge backwards, stabbing the quills into its attacker.



Our two new rhino Katala and Tamu are happily exploring their new home. We can even arrange a special face to face encounter with our rhino during your Zoo School programme.

Spring is on its way, which means Orana babies! We have already welcomed five fledglings into our group of Red Crowned Kakariki.

UNDER CONTROL

Do you know what you are allowed to bring back into New Zealand from overseas? We have a selection of "animal items" confiscated from others who didn't, that students can examine.

When included in programmes focusing on endangered species, this activity offers a unique opportunity for students to discuss and think critically about their values and attitudes towards animals and conservation issues. (Suitable for Year 5-13)

QUICK QUIZ

1. What does 'kakariki' mean in English?
2. What is the largest African rodent?
3. True or false: Cheetah can't roar, just meow, purr and hiss.
4. What is rhino horn made of?
5. What does CITES stand for?

(See below for the answers)

FROG WEEK

22-28 October
This is a great time to introduce your students to New Zealand's unique, ancient and very rare native frog species. An engaging frog encounter can be included in any Zoo School programme.!



SCALY TIME

Summer is a great time to visit our scaly reptiles as they come out of hibernation. We are able to offer special encounters with these animals, including the tuatara .

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Some comments from students of the Zoo School;
'I wish we had a giraffe at school'
'If there were no animals, we may not be living in the world'
'I will always remember the tortoise pooing on the mat'
'Gibbons poop anywhere and even though people are watching'

Answers: 1. Green 2. African Crested Porcupine 3. True 4. A hair-like substance and keratin 5. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

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