



September 2009 Newsletter

HAZEL'S SEVEN SUMMITS PROGRESS

Hazel and Fred are visiting Lower Moutere next year between 1 – 13 April, 2010. We are planning a dinner and have asked Hazel to be the guest speaker. Look out for more details once the date and venue have been confirmed.

TEAM DAY ON THE WATER

Whenua Iti Outdoors staff and board relaxed and enjoyed a day of sailing on Nelson Haven, courtesy of Milo Coldren on the yacht "Simply Wild".



Whenua Iti Crew on board "Simply Wild" in Nelson Haven. June 2009.

FACELIFT FOR THE HALL

Plans are underway to make improvements to the hall. In time for next winter heat pumps will be installed together with some insulation and double glazing. The finishing touch will be a coat of paint to complete this much needed facelift.

COURSES

For information on our courses, click on this link: <http://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/index.html>

Journeys

The week long Journey programmes continue to be highly regarded by schools and parents. The October Journey is now full and we are taking names for the two Journeys to be held on 10th and 24th January 2010. Funded by Child Youth and Family and Canterbury Trust, these early intervention courses are much sought after, with enquiries coming from outside our region as well as within the Nelson/Tasman area.

LEOTC (Learning experiences outside the classroom) – Active Focus

Our very popular day programmes for local schools continue to keep us busy. They provide a full day of activities focusing on group work and team challenges. Partially subsidised by the Ministry of Education, these Active Focus days extend the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

A new initiative has included working with Special Education students, through Maitai School. We are hoping to do more work in this field.



A recent Special Education Programme with Maitai School (Auckland Point Satellite class) at Whenua Iti Outdoors.

TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION FUNDING

With the upcoming reduction in this stream of government funding, a number of new exciting initiatives are in the pipeline for Whenua Iti Outdoors. One that has been confirmed is the **Family Weekends Programme**. This is funded by the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board. Whenua Iti Outdoors will be hosting two family weekends in November and December. This pilot course will provide families from the Victory and Stoke communities an opportunity to learn about camping in the outdoors and healthy nutrition, in conjunction with the “Get Cooking” programme. We hope these will be the first of many family weekends. We will keep you updated on developments with other initiatives.

FRIENDS OF WHENUA ITI PROGRAMME

We have established a Friends of Whenua Iti Programme. If you are interested in joining and would like regular updates on happenings please ensure we have your current contact details, especially your email address. For more information please click on the link to the relevant information on our website: <http://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/pages/help.html#5>

Kind regards
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