



# SEA School & SEA Lab

## SOUTHERN ENCOUNTER AQUARIUM & KIWI HOUSE

# S.E.A. News - Term IV

### Helping our Frogs



Our native frogs are unlike any others in the world; round rather than slit eyes; hatching straight into a frog instead of tadpoles; no external ear drums; and not croaking regularly like most other frogs.

These frogs first appeared about 200 million years ago, making them as unique as the tuatara, and the most ancient frog species in the world.

A new disease, the Chytrid fungus, is threatening these already endangered animals. To stop it from spreading never buy, collect or keep frogs at home or school. Don't ever release them into the wild. If you go to a lake, river or stream make sure you Check, Clean, Dry before you leave.

Are you looking for frog or Chytrid fungus resources for your class? Send us an email!

### Amazing Animals

Did you know that if you keep a goldfish in the dark it eventually turns white! And the proper term for a pregnant goldfish is a "twit"!

New Zealand waters contain many of the biggest in the world:

- the longest seahorse is our own 'large-bellied',
- the heaviest freshwater eel is the native 'longfin',
- the largest lobster is the mighty 'packhorse',
- the widest stingray is the graceful 'short-tail'.

### Getting Gutsy

With its unique combination of specialist equipment, live displays, interactive media and professional expertise, SEA Lab is the way for you to conduct no-hassle, mess-free dissections with your class. Programmes integrate an appreciation of the splendor of the live animals with an understanding of the specialised structures that enable them to survive.

### Teacher Feedback

"[SEA Lab is] a fabulous resource for Cantab's. Children loved the dissection."

E. Costello  
St Andrews Prep School

"Excellent programme, quality exposure to concepts prior to advancing classroom studies."

Jasmine Bates  
Middleton Grange

"Good practical experience. Once again your enthusiasm has rubbed off on the students."

Sharyn Varcoe  
Riccarton High School

"Fantastic experience. The children were engrossed for the whole time they were there."

Jo Mauger  
Linwood Avenue School

"One of the best experiences outside of the classroom. Brilliant!"

Fiona Gordon  
Opawa School

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