

ANTARCTIC EDUCATION RESOURCES

A Guide for New Zealand Teachers

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Integrating Antarctica into Teaching Programmes

Antarctica is an interesting and relevant context for teaching New Zealand students about a wide range of topics. Subjects such as Science and Social Studies can easily be related to Antarctica, but links can also be made in many other areas of the curriculum.

At the primary level, a holistic approach can be taken, where Antarctica is used as a context to cover many learning areas (Science, Social Studies, Art, English, Music etc). Students could focus on the lives of the early explorers, or present-day scientists who work in the field. Contexts such as this provide the opportunity for meaningful and exciting learning.

At the secondary level, Antarctica can be included in teaching programmes in not only Science and Social Studies, but also in subjects such as Geography, Biology, Physics, History, Politics, English, Art, Music and many more (if you are creative!).

A huge range of resources already exist for teachers who wish to include Antarctica in their teaching programmes. These include websites, books, TV series and films, exhibitions, competitions and many others. Teachers who have been lucky enough to visit Antarctica have produced whole units of work, across a range of subject areas. It is also possible to find Antarctic resources for individual lessons, rather than focussing an entire unit on Antarctica.

The New Zealand curriculum (2007) provides the opportunity for teachers to choose relevant learning contexts for their students. Examples of how Antarctica could be integrated into teaching programmes for secondary Science and Social Studies (levels 4 and 5) are included in the tables on the next page.

How to Use This Resource

These guidelines are a starting point for teachers who wish to include Antarctica in their teaching programmes. The resource tables are not definitive lists of all Antarctic education resources, but rather a selection of useful and easily accessible resources. There will no doubt be many resources that have unknowingly been excluded from these lists, so please contact me if you are aware of any obvious omissions that should be included.

The resource tables are designed as a quick reference for teachers. Curriculum levels and subject links have been identified, with years 1-8 referred to as "primary" and years 9-13 as "secondary". Science and Social Studies have been highlighted in colour-coding to allow resources to be identified easily for these subjects.

I have tried to keep the website and book guides quite short, so as not to overwhelm those referring to them. Many of the websites listed include helpful reference pages, which list further websites, books and relevant organisations. If further references are required, the reference pages on these websites are a good place to start.

One of the most useful resources a teacher can use is an experienced colleague. A number of New Zealand teachers have been lucky enough to visit Antarctica, through various programmes supported by Antarctica NZ. All those listed on the contacts list are happy to be contacted by teachers or other interested people. They can give advice on creating and using Antarctic education resources and some may offer to visit schools and talk to students about their experiences on the ice. The contacts list is not complete – please contact me if you wish to have your details added.

Possible Curriculum Links (Levels 4 & 5)

Science

Achievement Objective	Antarctic Learning Contexts
Living World L4: Explain how living things are suited to their particular habitat and how they respond to environmental changes, both natural and human induced	Adaptations of Antarctic plants (e.g. lichens) and animals (e.g. fish, seals, penguins) to the extreme environment; effects of human impacts on Antarctic Peninsula and Sub-Antarctic Islands (penguin colonies)
L5: Investigate the interdependence of living things (including humans) in an ecosystem	Southern Ocean food webs (algae, krill, fish, seals, whales etc)
Planet Earth & Beyond L5: Investigate the composition, structure, and features of the geosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere L5: Investigate how heat from the Sun, the Earth, and human activities is distributed around Earth by the geosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere	Break-up of Gondwanaland & formation of Antarctica; volcanoes (Mt Erebus etc); glaciation (weathering); weather (winds, snow, clouds, impact on global weather systems); ozone hole; global warming (Ant. Peninsula); Southern Ocean currents

Social Studies

	Achievement Objective		Antarctic Learning Contexts
•	L4: Understand how people pass on and sustain culture and heritage for different reasons and that this has consequences for people.	a T T	Historic huts (Scott, Shackleton etc) and the NZ Antarctic Heritage Frust's role in their preservation; FAE hut at Scott Base (kept as museum)
•	L4: Understand how exploration and innovation create opportunities and challenges for people, places and environments.	E	Research lives of heroic age explorers and Trans-Antarctic Expedition (challenges, outcomes of exploration)
•	L5: Understand how people's management of resources impacts on environmental and social sustainability.	a i: r	Environmental/waste management at Scott base; implications and ssues surrounding mineral resources and over-fishing; affects of growing tourism

WEBSITES

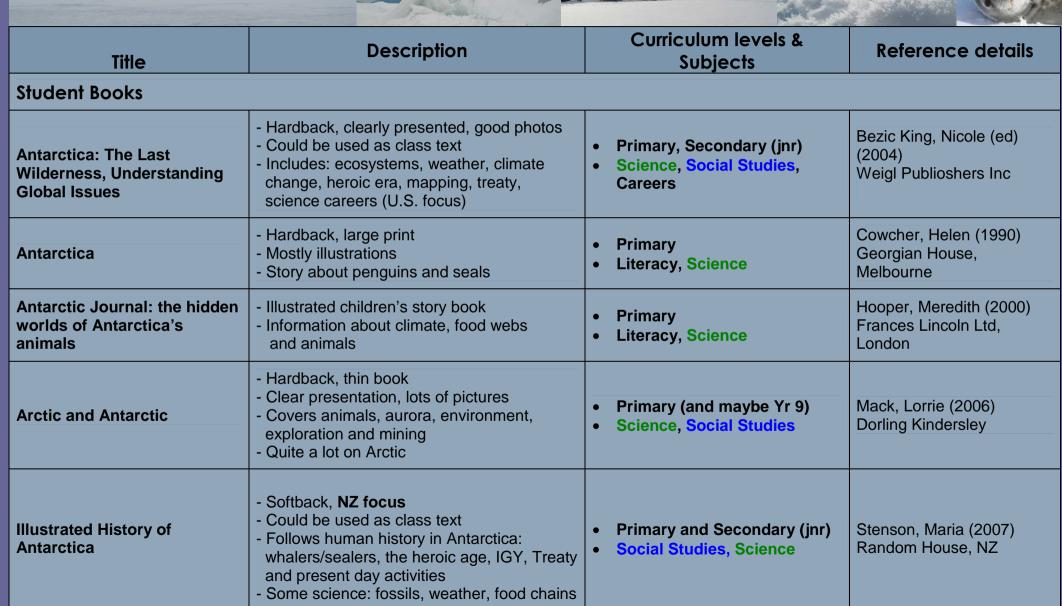
Title/Organisation and Web Address	Description	Curriculum levels and Subjects	Printable resources?	Updated regularly?
ANDRILL: ARISE education website www.andrill.org/iceberg	 "Education resources": Download PDF booklet (goes with videos) Video journals: can download in various formats, cover range of topics Simple classroom activities (not printable, but online animations etc) Can request hard copies of resources Videos, photos and blogs 	 Secondary Science (earth science) 	Some (PDF booklet)	Yes 2006- 2008 updated resources and videos
Antarctica www.antarctica.org.nz	 Site made by teachers (Chris Smaill, Fiona Cottam) after visit to Antarctica Electronic and written resources Good references page with written publications, organisation website links etc 	 All levels Science, Biology, Physics (ozone, aurora), Chemistry, History, Geography 	Yes	No , but still useful
Antarctic Connection www.antarcticconnection.com	 U.S based website Current news and weather information about Antarctica Wildlife information Most useful as reference for teachers 	 Teacher reference, all levels Science, Social Studies 	No	Yes
Antarctic Heritage Trust www.heritage-antarctica.org	- Restoration of historic huts - Information about explorers & restoration - Virtual tours of some huts - Link to Natural History Museum: www.nhm.ac.uk/antarctica-blog (following restoration project members)	 Primary, Secondary Social Studies, History 	No	Yes

Title/Organisation and Web Address	Description	Curriculum levels and Subjects	Printable resources?	Updated regularly?
Antarctic Link Canterbury www.antarctic-link.org.nz	- Canterbury – based website - education links - Antarctic events information	Teacher reference (any level or subject)	No	Yes
Antarctica NZ www.antarcticanz.govt.nz	Links to: - National Antarctic programmes - Organisations - Science research programmes - Tertiary study - Education website	 All levels Science, Social Studies	No	Yes
Antarctic Research Centre www.victoria.ac.nz/antarctic	Victoria University, Wellington websiteInfo on current research etcComing soon: lesson plans related to ANDRILL project	Teacher referenceScience	Not yet	Yes
Classroom Antarctica www.classroom.antarctica.gov.au	- Australian Antarctic Division kids' site - Activities and lesson plans covering a wide range of content	 Years 6 – 9 Science, Social Studies 	Yes (PDFs)	Yes
Cool Antarctica www.coolantarctica.com	 Facts (under "schools" heading) Not printable worksheets, but good online information source (Science: environment, animals, global warming, S.S: early explorers, transport) 	 Primary, Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	No	Yes
Gateway Antarctica www.anta.canterbury.ac.nz	 University of Canterbury department Go to "resources" section to find range of information, some teaching resources made by graduate students Access online Antarctic library (University) 	 Secondary Science, Social Studies 	Yes (PDFs)	Yes
Information Matters Ltd www.informationmatters.co.nz	- Go to "support" heading on website - Links to Scott Base webcam activity (IPY-tracking movement of sun)	SecondaryScience	Yes (PDF)	Yes

Title/Organisation and Web Address	Description	Curriculum levels and Subjects	Printable resources?	Updated regularly?
International Antarctic Centre www.iceberg.co.nz	- "Starters and Strategies" under Education heading (at bottom of page)	 Primary, Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	Yes (PDFs)	Yes
International Polar Year (IPY) www.ipy.org/	News, blogs, research associated with the International Polar Year (IPY) activities "Educators" section has regularly updated teaching resources and links to websites (highly recommended)	All levels Science	No (but clear instructions for activities)	Yes
Kelly Tarltons www.kellytarltons.co.nz	 Online activities: "Knowledge Centre" click on info about penguins, Capt Scott etc Teachers can email to get copy of "Ice Packs" resources "Starters and Strategies" 	 Primary, Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	Yes (PDFs)	Yes
LEARNZ www.learnz.org.nz	 Schools register (\$75/year) for virtual field trips (c. 100 in total) ANDRILL virtual field trip (drilling programme, Ross sea bed, 2007) Includes background pages, activities, diaries, videos, recorded audio conferences between scientists & students 	Primary, SecondaryScience	No (but all activities can be downloaded)	Yes
National Geographic http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/antarctica/	- Interactive map of Antarctica with information on wildlife, history, geographical features - Videos, photos and articles	 All levels Teacher reference also Science, Social Studies 	No	Yes
New Zealand Youth Steering Committee for the IPY www.ipyyouthnz.org	- Highly recommended site - Links to resources in many areas (regularly updated) - Student competitions - Photos, links to other websites	 All levels Science, Social Studies, Arts 	Yes	Yes

Title/Organisation and Web Address	Description	Curriculum levels and Subjects	Printable resources?	Updated regularly?
Royal Society of NZ www.rsnz.org	 Promote awareness of science Good reference site for teachers to get updated info on activities, resources, competitions, written publications etc Search "education" section Join email list to get regular updates 	All levels (teacher ref.)Science	No	Yes
Science Learning Hub (Waikato University) www.sciencelearn.org.nz	 "Icy Ecosystems" section: Includes New Zealand research, science ideas and concepts, teaching and learning approaches, video clips of interviews, a timeline, animations, and key vocab. IPY-CAML voyage section: Marine life census project in the Ross Sea (Feb-March 2008), new info updated regularly (blogs, photos etc) 	 Primary, Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	No	Yes (current & live information)
Scientriffic (CSIRO) http://www.csiro.au/science/PolarEyes.html	 Australian science magazine (kids age 7+) online articles and information (search for "Polar Eyes") includes blogs, interactive fact sections, instructions for experiments, photos, weblinks 	Primary, Secondary (jnr)Science	Yes	Yes
Virtual Antarctica www.doc.ic.ac.uk/%7Ekpt/terraquest/va	- Students can easily navigate around this site that includes information on science, ecology, history, ship expeditions etc	 Primary, Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	No	No (1995- still relevant though)
Wired Antarctica www.wiredantarctica.com	- Lessons (instructions, activities) - Science info, life in the field and at stations - Games	 Primary (upper), Secondary (jnr) Science, Social Studies 	No (all online)	Yes

BOOKS



Polar Regions – Saving Our World	 Hardback, quite large print Environmental focus Covers seasons, food chains, pollution, climate change, mining, sealing etc 	•	Primary (and maybe Yr 9) Science, Social Studies	Green, Jen (2001) Aladdin Books Ltd, London
Something About This Place	 Children's fiction Written and illustrated by four St Bede's high school students, after their trip to Antarctica. Story about a 10-yr old boy who visits Scott's hut at Cape Evans 	•	Primary Social Studies, Literacy	Mathew Finnigan, Ben Roy, James Silcock & Joseph van der Loo (2004), St Bede's College, Chch. Contact: Antarctica NZ or the college for copies.
The Heart of the World - Antarctica	 Hardback or softback Very thorough, lots of information, nice graphics/illustrations Covers earth science, biology, working in the field, society on ice, human history and tourism (Australian focus) 	•	Primary (upper), Secondary Science, Social Studies	Tulloch, Carol (2001) ABC Books, Sydney NSW
The Riddle of the Frozen Phantom	- Children's fiction - Adventure story about children who travel to Antarctica	•	Primary Literacy	Mahy, Margaret (2001) Collins , London
The Wide White Page: writers imagine Antarctica	- Collection of literature on Antarctica (poetry, short stories etc) - Excellent foreword by Bill Manhire, discussing Antarctic literature	•	Secondary English	Manhire, Bill (ed) (2004) Victoria University Press

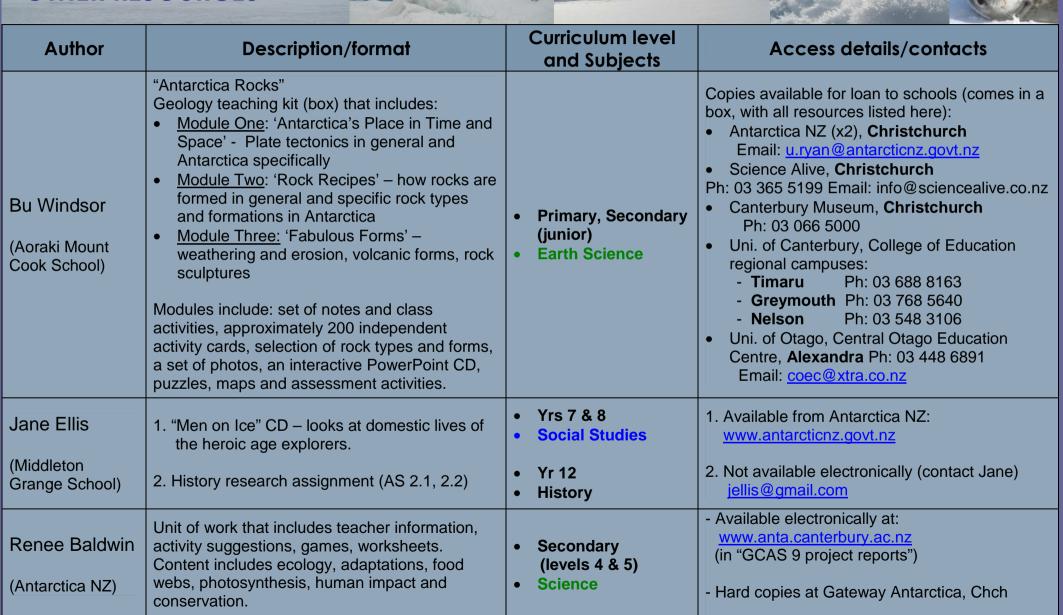
Teacher Reference Books					
Antarctica: Beyond the Southern Ocean	 Large, hardback Huge collection of photos Accompanied by information on Sub-Antarctic Islands, ice (sheets, glaciers etc), human activity and wildlife. 	Science, Social Studies, Geography	Monteath, Colin (1996) David Bateman, NZ		
Antarctica – the complete story	 Large hardback Information is detailed and clear Lots of great photos Good reference book for teachers (not appropriate as student text). 	Science, Social Studies, Biology, Geography, History	McGonigal, David & Woodworth, Lynn (2001) Random House NZ		
Antarctica – Lonely Planet Guide	- Travel reference book, but has concise and useful information Eg. History, climate, geography, wildlife	Science, Social Studies, Geography, History	(2005) Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd		
Antarctica – the Ross Sea region	 Large, hardback Quite old, but excellent reference book Accurate and in-depth information on topics such as: exploration, geology, climate, animals (great adaptations section), living and working in Antarctica 	Science, Social Studies, Biology, Geography, History	Hatherton, Trevor (ed) (1990) DSIR Publishing, Wellington		
Antarctica – great stories from the frozen continent	 Large, hardback Quite old, but has good information that hasn't dated Covers wildlife, climate, physical landscape, history (very thorough) and living in Antarctica Good maps and timeline section 	Science, Social Studies, Biology, Geography, History	(1985) Reader's Digest Services Pty Ltd		
Antarctica: an encyclopedia from abbot ice shelf to zooplankton	- Large, hardback - Short, clear descriptions and photos covering a wide range of topics	Science, Social Studies	Trewby, Mary (2002)		

DVDs

Title	Description	Curriculum level and Subjects	Details			
Breaking the Ice	 - Australian documentary, made for TV - Journey on icebreaker from Tasmania to Macquarie Is. then Australian stations (Casey, Davis, Mawson) looking at station life, scientists in the field, wildlife (penguins, seals, seabirds) - Historical references (mostly Australian) 	Secondary (jnr)Science, Social Studies	ABC: Produced 1996 (released 2005) 166 mins (6 episodes, c. 30 mins)			
'ICE' series	- TV series, hosted by Marcus Lush - History, environment, scientists in the field, Scott base, wildlife - Interesting and well-presented, relevant to NZ - Educational material for teachers (good quality) - Includes questions to guide students, activities and links to curriculum Download educational PDF: http://images.tvnz.co.nz/tvnz_images/tvone/programmes/ice/study%20guide%20ICE.pdf	 Primary (upper), Secondary Science, Social Studies 	TVNZ and Jam TV (2007) 112 mins (5 episodes, each 22 mins) Email: info@jamtv.co.nz			
Life in the Freezer	 David Attenborough series Natural history (whales, seals, penguins, seabirds), covering survival in all seasons, includes Sub-Antarctic Islands Last episode covers human exploration Stunning footage 	 Primary (upper), Secondary Science, Social Studies, Biology 	BBC (1993) DVD released 2002 174 mins (6 episodes, each 30 mins)			

March of the Penguins	 Documentary about Emperor Penguin colony (follows over a whole season) US version narrated by Morgan Freeman Parts could be shown to illustrate animal adaptations (won Academy Award for best documentary 2005) 	•	Primary, Secondary Science, Biology	Written/produced by Luc Jacquet Distributed: Warner Independent Pictures, U.S. (2005) 84 mins
Planet Earth series: "Ice Worlds"	 David Attenborough documentary Antarctic and Arctic Amazing aerial and underwater footage, with timelapse photography (ice formation, penguin colonies), high definition quality Whales, emperor penguins, skuas, snow petrels (Emmy-award winning – Highly recommended) 	•	Primary (upper), Secondary Science, Biology	BBC (2006) www.bbc.co.uk/nature/ animals/planetearth 58 mins (just the Ice Worlds episode)
Wildest Antarctica (and Arctic)	 Overview of Antarctic wildlife, & climate change Quite alarmist about sea levels, ozone (see IPCC website for current info on these) Good descriptions of animal adaptations (whales, penguins, seals, seabirds) Quite slow, but good footage of wildlife Warning: graphic footage of penguins being eaten 	•	Secondary (jnr) Science	Grainger Television Australia Pty Ltd (1998) 107 mins

OTHER RESOURCES



EOTC (School Trips)

Organisation	Description of event	Curriculum level and Subjects	Contact information
Kelly Tarlton's, Auckland www.kellytarltons.co.nz	School visits - \$8-\$9 per student - lesson can be included or not	 Primary, Secondary Science, Social Studies 	Education Supervisor: Viv Jones Ph: 09 528 1724 Fax: 09 528 5175 Email: learn@kellytarltons.co.nz
International Antarctic Centre, Christchurch www.iceberg.co.nz	School visits - \$7 per student	 Pre-school Primary (levels 1 – 4): Science, Social Studies Secondary (levels 5 – 8): Science, Tourism 	Education Officer: Gabriela Roldan Ph: 03 353 7083 Email: education@iceberg.co.nz - Online booking form (at bottom of Education page) - Book well in advance
Canterbury Museum, Christchurch www.canterburymuseum.com	School visits - Free - Can provide pre- and post- visit info and tailor programmes to fit teaching needs - Download info booklets and RAMs forms	 All levels Science, Social Studies	Ph: 03 366 5000 Email: education@canterburymuseum.com - Book at least 3 wks ahead

Teacher Training & Experience



Organisation	Description of course	Contact details
Gateway Antarctica	Graduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies (GCAS) - Applications open to anyone with a degree, all disciplines - Full-time, intensive, summer course at University of Canterbury - Multi-disciplinary look at Antarctica, including lectures covering a wide range of issues, research assignments, and a two week trip to Antarctica (field work)	www.anta.canterbury.ac.nz Online information and application details. (includes photos and projects from past students)
Royal Society NZ	Teacher Fellowships RSNZ offer a range of government-funded fellowships for teachers who wish to further their professional knowledge. This could include research associated with Antarctica. Application criteria vary, depending on the type of fellowship (details can be found on their website).	www.rsnz.org/awards/teacher_fellowships Email: Jessie.McKenzie@rsnz.org
ANDRILL	ARISE (ANDRILL Research Immersion for Science Educators) - Unfortunately this programme has already taken place (2006 – 2008), but ANDRILL may offer future opportunities for teachers? - Six teachers (from NZ, U.S, Germany, Italy) spent time with the ANDRILL team in Antarctica and produced a range of interactive resources for students (blogs, videos, photos, class materials).	www.andrill.org/education/arise

CONTACTS LIST - Teachers who have been to Antarctica

Name	Contact Details	Position	Date(s) to ice	Resources
AUCKLAND				
Chris Smaill	University of Auckland (09) 373 7599 ext 83012 Email: c.smaill@auckland.ac.nz	Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering	01-02	www.antarctica.org.nz Worksheets covering a range of topics (Science, Social Studies, Maths, English)
WELLINGTON				
Rebecca Logan	Wellington East Girls' College Email: beckslogan@gmail.com	Science	07-08	Antarctic education resources – Teachers' Guide (this resource).
Julian Thomson	GNS (Lower Hutt) Email: j.thomson@gns.cri.nz	Education and Outreach	05-06	Presentations for schools – contact Julian to arrange talks (ANDRILL, Antarctic Science etc)
Maryanne Ahern	TKI (Ministry of Education site) Email: H: maryanne.ahern@xtra.co.nz W: maryanne.ahern@tki.org.nz	Community Facilitator		Former teacher, has visited Sub Antarctic Islands.
N. ISLAND other				
Helen Ahern	Selwyn Ridge School, Tauranga Email: helenahern02@yahoo.co.uk	Teacher		Has visited Sub Antarctic Islands.
CHRISTCHURCH				
Jane Ellis	Middleton Grange School Email: jellis@gmail.com	TIC History	02-03 & 06-07	Yr 8 S.S (Men on Ice DVD), Yr 12 History research assignment (see "Other Resources" table).
Genevieve Murrell	Christchurch Girls' High School Email: genevievemurrell@hotmail.com	HOD Geography and Outdoor Education	02-03	Yr 12 Geography Natural Landscapes (Booklet and CD). Will be available at: www.anta.canterbury.ac.nz (from May 2008)

Ruth Guy	Ph: 027 204 1194 Email: ruthguy@xtra.co.nz	Science	04-05	Adaptations of Antarctic fish powerpoint (Yrs 10, 11 Science). Contact Ruth (not available electronically)
Darren Atkin	LEARNZ, Heurisko Ltd Email: darren@learnz.org.nz	Secondary LEARNZ teacher	Oct-Nov 07	Virtual field trip to ANDRILL programme (see WEBSITE resource table above: LEARNZ)
Renee Baldwin	Antarctica NZ Email: r.baldwin@antarcticanz.govt.nz	Environmental Officer	06-07	Science resources for levels 4-5 (worksheets, activities, teacher guidelines and references) Available at: www.anta.canterbury.ac.nz
S.ISLAND other				
Bu Windsor	Mt Cook school (primary) Ph (W): 03 435 1835 Email: aorakimcs@xtra.co.nz	Principal	02-03	"Antarctica Rocks" geology kits for primary, jnr secondary Science (see "Other Resources" table)

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