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KIDS GET CREATIVE IN RAISING FUNDS FOR KIWIS

The Great Kiwi Morning Tea: 21 October 2016

Glenorchy School is cooking up a storm in preparation for its Great Kiwi Morning Tea this Friday and is inviting the whole community to attend and help raise money for kiwi conservation.

The school is answering *Kiwis for Kiwis*'s call for all New Zealanders to host a morning tea on Friday 21st October to raise much needed funds to continue the work of protecting kiwi and their habitat.

Glenorchy School Principal, Allie McHugo said the school's 35 children were hugely enthusiastic in their preparations and they were looking forward to seeing as many of Glenorchy residents as possible.

"The children have been very busy making posters to put up around town, sewing, tie-dyeing and printing kiwi banners, making fondant kiwis to put on top of cup cakes and of course, lots of baking. We are really hoping for a big turn out," said Ms McHugo.

Guests pay just \$5.00 and receive a specially created kiwi box holding four pieces of baking and a cup of tea or coffee. Entertainment will be provided by the children.

Each year Glenorchy School, which holds Green-Gold Enviro School status, does a fundraiser for an environmental cause and this year chose the Great Kiwi Morning Tea.

"We are currently studying the kiwi and weka and the children will be going on a school camp on Pigeon Island to look at the weka population. We are comparing the weka and kiwi populations and asking the question why the weka population is taking off but kiwi are still struggling to increase in numbers.

"The Great Kiwi Morning Tea provides a wonderful extension to our studies and we want to raise as much money as possible to help save kiwi," said Ms McHugo.

Executive Director for Kiwis for kiwi, Michelle Impey said the national fundraiser was critical to raising funds which will be distributed to community led kiwi conservation projects throughout New Zealand.

“We’re really excited this year for the second Great Kiwi Morning Tea fundraising event. Everyone can do their bit and get together with at school, with friends, family or at work to share a morning tea and collect donations on Friday 21 October – or another date in October if that suits better,” says Impey.

“The funds will go towards predator control, Operation Nest Egg and education programmes. Every \$100 raised is enough to protect a kiwi for an entire year.

“The work of the more than 100 community projects is making a huge difference, particularly around predator control, which is the key to re-establishing kiwi populations. Saving kiwi from extinction is achievable. We know turning the declining kiwi population around is within our grasp but we have to take action now while we still have a base population of kiwi, before it’s too late,” said Ms Impey.

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About the Great Kiwi Morning Tea

October is Save Kiwi Month and all New Zealanders are urged to join the fight to save our national icon. The Great Kiwi Morning Tea is being held on 21st October to raise funds to continue the work of protecting kiwi and their habitat. *Kiwis for kiwi* are calling for everyone to get together at school, with friends, family or at work to share a Kiwi morning tea and collect donations. People wanting to host a morning tea can register at www.kiwisforkiwi.org. Online donations can also be made. Every \$100 raised is enough to protect a kiwi for an entire year. Visit www.kiwisforkiwi.org to find out how to get involved.

About *Kiwis for kiwi*:

Kiwis for kiwi, a fully independent charity aims to protect kiwi and their natural habitat, ensuring the species flourish for generations to come. It allocates funds to hands-on kiwi projects, raises sponsorship dollars, increases public awareness of the plight of kiwi and works alongside kiwi experts to provide resources, advice and best practice guidance to all those working to save kiwi. In partnership with Department of Conservation, *Kiwis for Kiwi* support the national Kiwi Recovery Programme. For more information: www.kiwisforkiwi.org

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