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Pukemokemoke  
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Our trip to Pukemokemoke and  
what we have been learning about

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**Pukemokemoke is a special place in our local area.**

We learnt about how people are connected to places.

We learnt that special places help us to identify who we are.

We learnt that Pukemokemoke means ‘on its own’ or ‘solitaire’.

We acknowledged the kindness of David Johnstone donating the land in 1994.

At Gordonton School we are creating a new native bush area.

We want to do this because New Zealand native trees and plants;

- are homes for many of our native wildlife
- help us have a healthy ecosystem
- absorb carbon dioxide which helps our climate
- can prevent erosion
- help our water quality



As part of this we have been learning about some of the names of the native plants and trees.

We planted these.

Seeds from native trees were collected and planted for future generations

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We talked about regeneration of forests and how this can happen in our native areas at school.



We learnt about pesky predators and the damage they can do to our native trees and wildlife.



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We created pest trackers and to see what we might have lurking at Gordonton School.



We used the Pukemokemoke Education Fund to transport us to Pukemokemoke.



We made a  
promise to care  
for  
Pukemokemoke  
while we were  
visiting.



# What we learnt from our trip to Pukemokemoke

- How we can protect Kauri trees
- The names of native trees we did not know
- Types of pest traps and what materials they are made out of
- The names of native birds that
- The importance of forest regeneration
- Materials used to care for freshly planted trees
- Materials used for boardwalks



# Highlights from our trip

- We all made it to the summit of Pukemokemoke
- Hearing the cheeky tui
- Spotting the possum trap
- The long drop toilets!
- The piwakawaka in the long drop toilet with us
- Morning tea and lunch at the log hauler site



## Our next steps

- Keep growing seeds so we can continue the planting of trees and plants in our new active area
- Raise money to buy more plants and trees for our native area
- Investigate how we might create boardwalks for our native area
- Pass on what we have learnt to others