

A dark bird, possibly a starling, is perched on a branch amidst a dense field of bright pink cherry blossoms. The bird is facing left, looking up at a cluster of flowers. The background is filled with more blossoms and branches, creating a soft, textured backdrop.

COMPASSIONATE NATURE

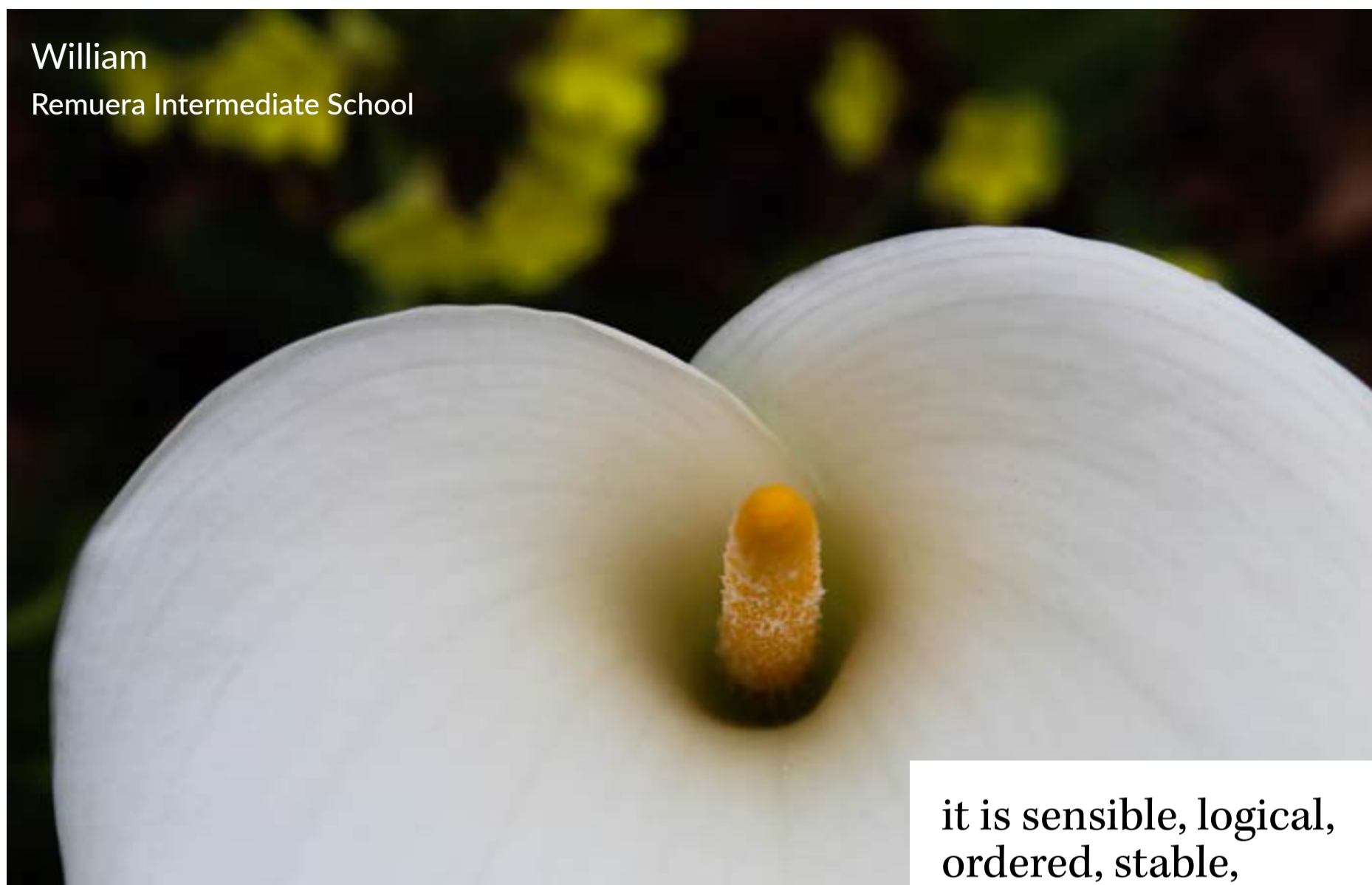
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COMPASSIONATE NATURE

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This issue has beautiful photographs by students at Epsom Normal, Remuera Intermediate and Roscommon schools,

taken at the IMAgEN8 workshops held at school and Wairua reserve in June and July.

I hope these glimpses of nature from the students' eyes bring you peace, and inspire you to explore local wild spaces.

"I am drawn to the wild not because it is wild but because

it is sensible, logical, ordered, stable, resilient. Wild nature is everything we're struggling to regain." - Carl Safina

The world is not yet free of the adversities inflicted by the virus. Perhaps nature has remedies we haven't yet recognised...

Kia kaha and be kind.

-Tushar

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LINES ENCHANT



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LAVENDER



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PATTERNS



by Kate
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MAGNOLIA



by Mikaere
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FLOWER



by Jai and Michael
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WINTER



by Aamna
Year 6
Epsom Normal Primary School

A DROP



by Leo
Year 7
Remuera Intermediate School

WAITING FOR SPRING



by Eve
Year 7
Remuera Intermediate School

LIGHT



by Daniel
Year 6
Epsom Normal Primary School

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LOWER



by Hannah
Year 8
Roscommon School

BALANCED



by Nicholas
Year 8
Remuera Intermediate School

BLUE AND WHITE



by Maria and Harper
Year 8
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LOCAL ECOLOGY

Nature at our doorsteps is a source of wellbeing and joy in our daily lives. Many of us walk around our homes every day, and enjoy the calming effects of Nature. The sight of Rangitoto across Hobson bay, kereru in the treetops, kingfishers diving for fish in the streams, pohutukawas blooming along the paths - all these and more bring me joy every day.

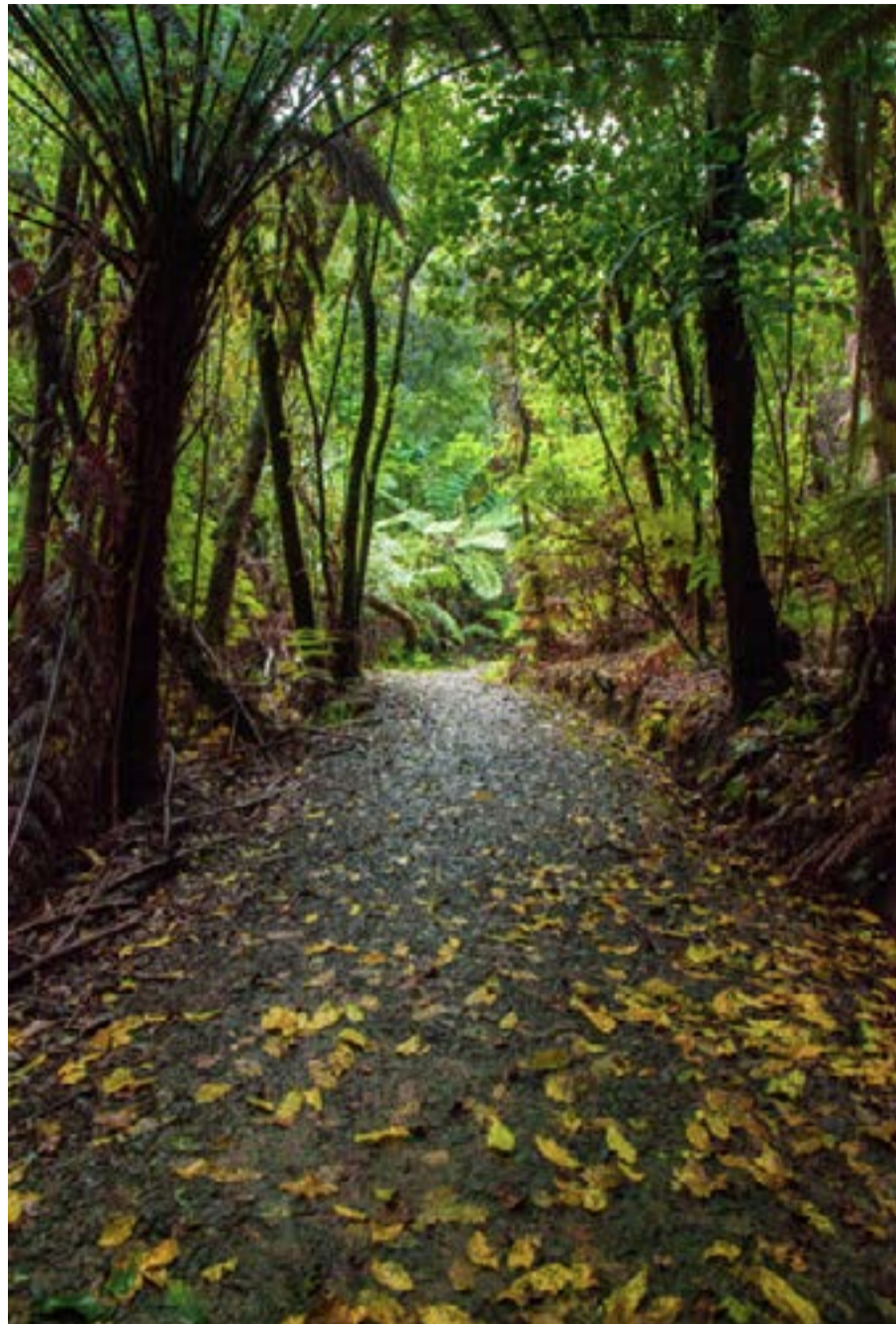
Mushrooms near Middleton stream



We can enjoy our connectedness with Nature in our local community, which is why it is important to conserve what brings wellbeing, and remove what degrades our environment.

From the Deck and [Hapua Thrive](#) are two of the community groups in Auckland working to restore the local ecology. [From the Deck](#) is restoring the area around Middleton stream, removing weeds, organising pest control and planting natives. A five year plan will lay the foundation for a natural environment for the coming generations to enjoy. Hapua Thrive is one of the leading voices raising concerns about the water quality in Hobson Bay and working with Auckland Council and Watercare to restore the environment back to its natural state.

If you get a chance to participate in the activities of a community group where you live, do give it a go! We all care about our environment, and the Covid-19 lockdowns have brought the absolute essentiality



Kepa Bush Reserve

of local natural spaces for our wellbeing to the fore. They bring Vitamin-G (Green) to our daily lives.

Kia Kaha,
-Tushar

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