

Activity Title:

Kiwiana and the beach

Focusing questions

How is New Zealand's relationship with the moana or beach reflected in Kiwiana culture?

Does Kiwiana culture reflect how we feel about the beach?

Resources required

- Pens
- Exercise books or paper
- Kiwiana culture sheet – page 135
- Copying: copy sufficient Kiwiana culture sheet for one per student
- Beachy theme Kiwiana activity sheet – page 137

Prior learning

3a Changing New Zealand beach use

3c How we feel about and value the beach

3d New Zealanders and the beach

Method

- 1 The objective of this activity is to think about how New Zealand's relationship with the beach is reflected in 'Kiwiana' culture and whether 'Kiwiana' culture reflects how we feel about the beach.
- 2 Read the **Kiwiana culture sheet**.
- 3 In small groups discuss Kiwiana culture items. On a large sheet of paper write down which of these items your group associates with the beach. Explain why you associate with these.
- 4 Report back to the class. Discuss:
 - Did everyone come up with the same list of Kiwiana that is associated with the beach?
 - What different reasons were there for associating these items with the beach.
- 5 On a large sheet of paper, work in small groups to develop your own list of Kiwiana. Lists might include some of the items from the culture sheet and new items. Consider: What makes New Zealand – "New Zealand"? What are fundamental parts of our culture as a country? What are iconic New Zealand experiences? If someone was coming from overseas what experiences would you want to share with them to convey Kiwi culture?

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Environmental Education Aspect:

About the environment

Environmental Education Concept:

- Interdependence

Curriculum Links:

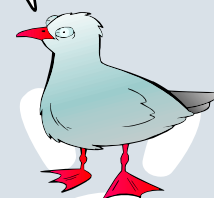
- English
- Social Science

Suggested Curriculum Level:

Any

SUSTAINABILITY TIP!

Project a digital image of the the Kiwiana culture sheet and save paper!



- 6 Share your Kiwiana lists with the class.
- 7 In small groups use 'Beachy theme Kiwiana activity sheet' to explore further the experiences that convey kiwi culture. Present back to the class what each group has planned for their overseas guest.
- 8 Reflection:
 - Do you think your relationship with the beach is typical of many other New Zealanders?
 - How much does the beach feature in your list of Kiwiana?
 - Are the items listed on the **Kiwiana culture sheet** still relevant to you today?

Possible next steps

- Ask other people what they would include in a list of iconic Aotearoa cultural Kiwiana.
- Visit websites to explore other Kiwiana.



Kiwiana culture sheet

What is Kiwiana? “Kiwiana” is the term used to describe items relating to Aotearoa’s unique culture and history. Kiwiana are things that New Zealanders identify with. They are things that make our country – ‘Aotearoa New Zealand’. The following is a list of iconic Kiwiana (adapted from the Four Corners: New Zealand holiday and travel website - www.fourcorners.co.nz):

Kiwi

A flightless nocturnal bird is a New Zealand Kiwiana icon – New Zealanders even take their nickname from the kiwi. Seldom seen in the wild – they’re very shy and only come out at night – these unique birds are a national icon.

Silver Fern

The Silver Fern is another famous example of New Zealand Kiwiana. Worn by many sports teams – including the world-famous All Blacks – the silver fern emblem is proudly flown at sporting events all over the world. Inspired by New Zealand native ferns, the Silver Fern was first worn by the New Zealand Native Rugby Team on their 1888 tour of Britain.

Buzzy Bee

A popular children’s toy, the Buzzy Bee has been entertaining New Zealand youngsters since the 1940s. With wings that turn and make a clicking noise, it’s a hit with kids everywhere!

L&P

Short for Lemon and Paeroa, L&P is New Zealand’s very own iconic soft drink. Originally made using spring water from the North Island town of Paeroa, the origins of its name are obvious. Loved by Kiwis the world over – the catch phrase “World Famous in New Zealand” certainly rings true. Have you visited the giant L&P bottle in Paeroa?

Fish and Chips

Good old Kiwi Fish ‘n’ Chips – deep fried potato chips with battered fish wrapped in newspaper. Found in every New Zealand town, the corner Fish ‘n’ Chip shop is a New Zealand icon and important part of New Zealand culture.

Rugby

New Zealand’s national sport, to some Kiwis rugby is a kind of religion! If you’re not familiar with the game, then a group of burly lads chasing an oval-shaped ball around a field might seem rather strange – but entertaining nonetheless. Even if they don’t watch rugby – everyone in New Zealand knows the national team is the All Blacks.

Black

Attend any sporting function and you will see that New Zealanders have an affinity with the colour black. Originally worn by the All Blacks, black has become a colour for New Zealand sportspeople.

Jandals

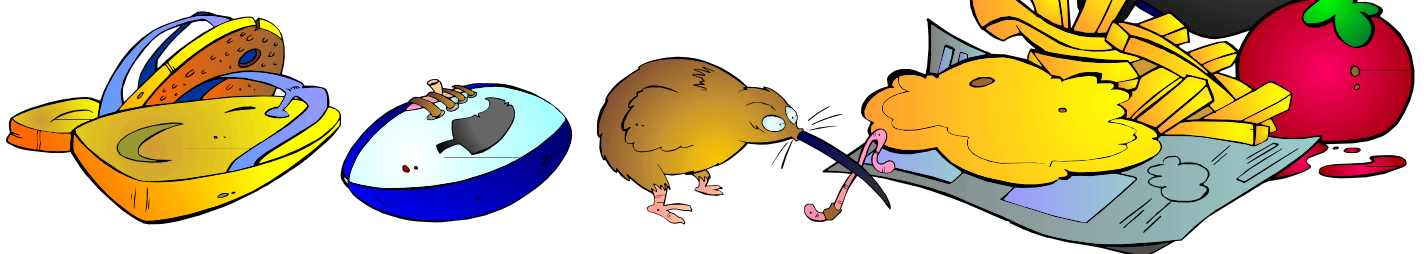
Favoured summertime footwear for most New Zealanders, the humble jandal (known to Aussies as “thongs” and North Americans as “flip-flops”) is an important part of any kiwi wardrobe. Available in a range of colours, the jandal can be worn just about anywhere – from the beach to the pub!

Paua shell

Also known as Abalone, paua shell is used by Māori in carving and jewellery. Pretty purple, aqua, green and blue tones make it popular with jewellery artists and craftspeople.

Pōhutukawa

The “New Zealand Christmas Tree”, these beautiful trees burst into scarlet-red splendour over the Christmas period. They are commonly found along the coast – providing perfect shade from that hot summer sun!



Bungy jumping

Only a New Zealander could turn jumping off a bridge into a world-wide phenomenon! Inspired by a ritual performed in Vanuatu, Queenstown entrepreneur AJ Hackett is responsible for bringing Bungy to the world.

Sheep

New Zealand has a human population of just over 4 million, and a sheep population of almost 40 million! The back bone of the New Zealand economy for over a century, sheep were first introduced by English settlers in the 19th Century.

Vegemite

This tasty yeast spread may be an acquired taste for most non-New Zealanders. Vegemite (or the rival Marmite) is in the pantry of most New Zealand households.

Kiwifruit

Originally known as Chinese gooseberries, kiwifruit were first introduced to the country by early settlers. Since then they have become synonymous with New Zealand, and are a major export earner.

Pavlova

This meringue-based dessert is a perennial Kiwiana favourite. Named after the Russian ballet dancer Anna Pavlova, the origins of this delicious dessert are hotly contested (Australia also lays claim to inventing it) – but any New Zealander will tell you the “Pav” is definitely a Kiwi invention!

BBQ (Barbeque)

The ultimate summer pastime, BBQs herald the start of our kiwi summer.

The Meat Pie

Synonymous with tuck shops, truck stops and bakeries all over the country, the meat pie is a kiwi culinary tradition. Available in a range of delectable flavours: chicken, mince, steak and cheese – and sometimes even vegetarian. Especially enjoyed with a good smothering of tomato sauce – another item of Kiwiana!

Gumboots

Traditional footwear of farmers everywhere, gumboots (or “Wellingtons” to our international audience) are a tried and true piece of kiwi attire. Though black is the preferred colour, gumboots come in a range of colours to suit any taste!

Hokey Pokey

Hokey Pokey ice cream is a perennial kiwi favourite! Small pieces of a light honeycomb type of toffee are added to vanilla-flavoured ice cream to create this popular treat. Best enjoyed melting down the sides of a waffle cone, at the beach on a hot summers day!

Netball

Netball is the female answer to rugby, and is the second most popular sport in New Zealand. A fast-paced court sport, New Zealand’s national team – the Silver Ferns – are ranked amongst the top in the world.

Bach

“Bach” is the Kiwi colloquial term for summer house (in the North Island - down south it is known as a crib). Traditionally a bach will possess minimal facilities, be situated near a beach or lake, and remain in the family for generations.

A and P Shows

New Zealand’s answer to the country fair. A and P (Agricultural and Pastoral) shows are held all over the country throughout the summer. Showcasing rural livestock, innovations, art, craft, baking and produce, A and P Shows represent the best in rural New Zealand. Popular family events, most shows include equestrian events, sideshows, and the obligatory candy-floss stall!



Beachy theme Kiwiana activity sheet

You have been asked to host a visitor from overseas. Your guest is the same age as you and has never been to New Zealand. In fact, they have never seen a beach or the sea before! You have been asked to entertain them for a day with activities and experiences that best convey your Kiwi culture – with a beachy theme!

Describe the activities and experiences you will share with your overseas guest:

