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Nga mihi atu ki a koutou – greetings to you all.

Tahuri Whenua, The National Maori Vegetable Growers Collective is a non-profit organisation that initiated the 'Spud in a Bucket' programme in 2006. There are currently 17 primary schools nationwide involved this project and due to the positive response it has received we are looking to develop it further and are currently inviting schools to register their interest for the 2008-2009 growing season (starts around October 2008).

### **About the Project**

Currently in its second year of development, the 'Spud in a Bucket' project aims to:

- Stimulate critical questioning on resource use and lifestyle
- Expose children to a sense of responsibility and ownership
- Encourage parental interaction with children about their learning
- Foster positive relationships between schools and their communities.
- Promote the relevance of tikanga Maori in modern horticulture
- Visit the website ([www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz](http://www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz)) for more detailed information

### **Support and Assistance**

All participating schools will receive:

- Sponsorship through local businesses and Tahuri Whenua to cover costs associated with planting, including potting mix, buckets, and potato seed.
- A start-up pack containing full planting details and associated curriculum activities.
- A local Tahuri Whenua representative who will be your contact throughout the growing season.

We are also in the process of developing an interactive web page where students and teachers will have access to current information about the project and a chance to share their experiences with other schools.

If you would like your school to be part of this exciting opportunity simply download the registration form at [www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz](http://www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz) and email back to [ktatere@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ktatere@xtra.co.nz) or fill out the attached form and post to:

**'Spud in a Bucket'**  
**Coordinator**  
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or

**Administrator**  
Tahuri Whenua  
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# Spud in a Bucket Expression of Interest Registration Form

Name of School:

Contact person:

Contact details:

Email:

We are new to the project yes/no

We are currently involved in the project yes/no

Year group(s) of children:

No of children:

Please highlight or circle what resources are required.  
(e.g. you may already have buckets from previous years)

- Buckets
- Potting Mix
- Potato seed tubers
- Other .....

Please add a note here if you have any buckets or materials left from previous years that could be used or comments about the project.

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**Note:** As Tahuri Whenua is a non-profit organisation it relies on membership and volunteers to assist with these type of projects. If your school is interested in becoming a member please view our website [www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz](http://www.tahuriwhenua.org.nz) for further details.