

# Imagining a Future – Oratia District School Workshop 17 March 2009



A group of Oratia School students took part in a workshop at the school in March 2009 in which they created a montage of images expressing their vision of the future of Oratia. 18 students from the Enviro School team and the School Council took part in the workshop. First the students did an exercise with photos of Oratia and Waiatarua, ordering them into those they liked most and those they liked least.

Main things that they liked were:

- Apple trees/ orchards
- Nature
- Plants
- Family
- Animals – native birds, cats, dogs
- Folk museum
- Landsend
- School sculpture

Main things that they disliked were:

- Pollution
- Graffiti
- Weeds
- Rubbish
- People cutting down forests
- Possums
- Cats (hunting birds)

The students then worked in groups to create collages of what Oratia might look like in 50 years. Each collage featured a statement about what makes Oratia so special now and in the future: The collages said "Oratia Means Beauty", "This place will be remembered forever" and "This place will be safe, beautiful, peaceful, quiet and fantabulous".

