Drains to Harbour
Onerahi Primary School trip to
Dragonfly Springs

Mr Busck welcomed us to Dragonfly Springs

and showed us where the stormwater flows into the wetland…

We saw some rubbish being caught in the big rocks like this plastic bag Mr Busck is holding

Then we went for a walk and looked at some of the plants like this Manuka

We saw the birdhouses made for Grey Teal

We saw lots of birds such as Pukeko, Paradise Ducks, Grey Herons and Ducks

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Then Mr Busck showed us the ‘Bamboo Reed’ that cleverly pumps oxygen down into its roots so it can breathe underwater and eat up all the nasty chemicals from the stormwater before it goes into our harbour!

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We walked on and found a dead rat in one of Mr Busck's traps!

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Then we did some water testing like this clarity test – we could see 69cm down the tube – that's pretty good!

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We also took the temperature of the water – it was between 15 and 17 degrees celcius during the day…that's pretty good too

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Then we set out to try to catch some fish and bugs...

Here’s some pictures of us exploring...
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ONE DRAIN DOWN THE DRAIN
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ONLY HAIR DOWN THE DRAIN
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Let’s see what we found...

A Damselfly Nymph

A Water Spider

Mosquito Fish

A Worm
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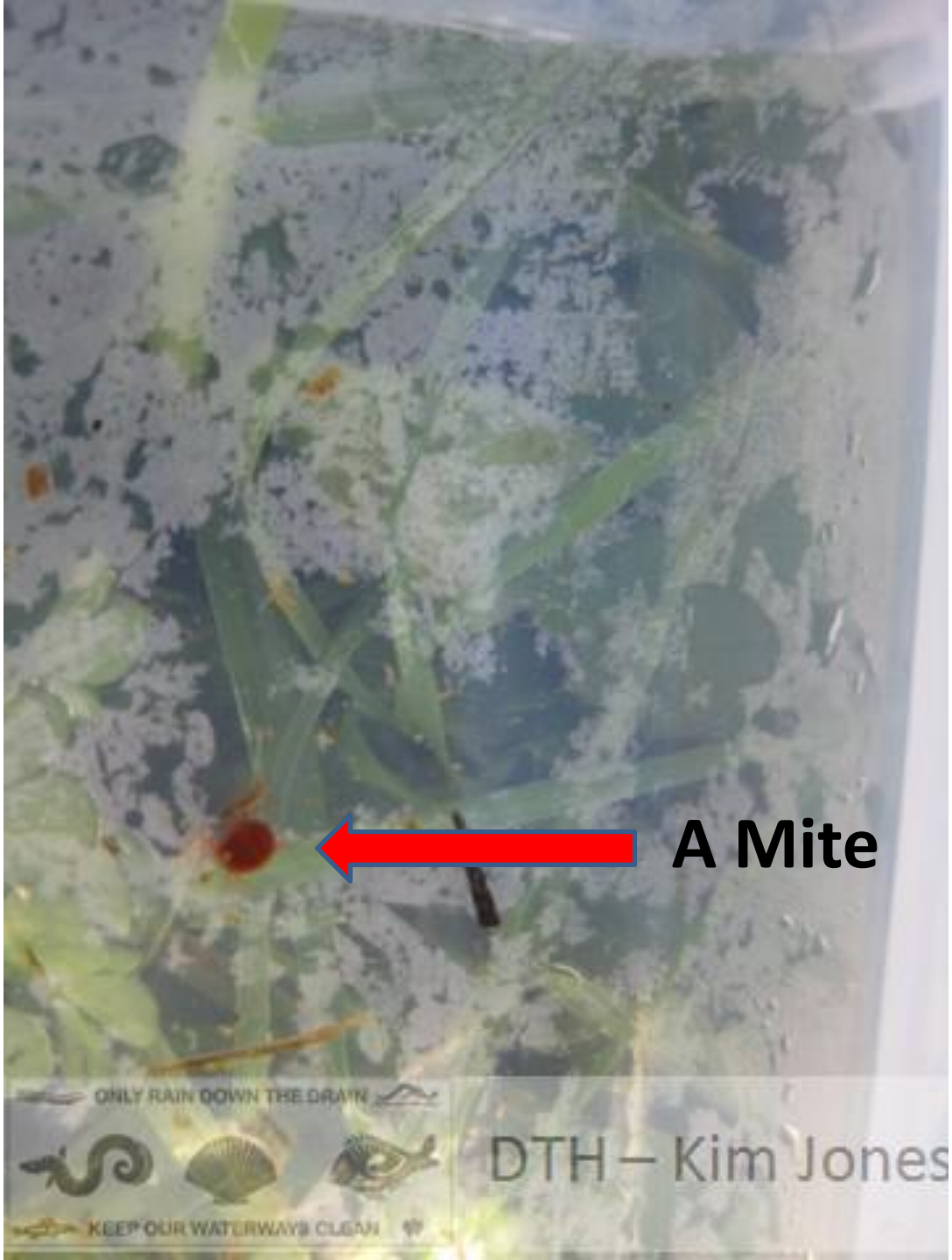
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A Leech

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Water Boatman

Our next trip will be to the Waimahanga Stream – I wonder what we'll find there??