



HELPING HAND: Parent Drago Loncar helps daughter Stephie, Luke Hokianga and Matthew Taylor with their Waikawa School session on waterways last week.

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Students study stream life

Stephie Loncar, who has sailed to New Zealand with her family from Germany, still retains a sense of wonder about things aquatic.

The eight year old was one of 50 Waikawa Bay School students who enjoyed two hours in the late afternoon

sun last week studying life forms in Waikawa Stream.

"I haven't been this close to a river before," Stephie said.

She found various life forms including worms, water weed, bugs and snails.

Teacher Jennie Easton, who with fellow teacher Angie

Parsons was involved in the exercise, said the students looked at stream life, water clarity and temperature, ideal conditions for water life and how waterways changed.

They had done a lot of reading and their own research on the internet, she said.