



Performers share musical passion with youngsters

Students from St Patrick's Kaponga and Kaponga Primary enjoyed a preview of some of the music from this year's WOMAD festival thanks to the Shell NZ community programme which is in its third year of bringing performers into the local schools.

The Grace Barbe Afro Kreol group shared their

music, inspired from the Seychelles Island background of lead singer Grace Barbe, as well as leading the students in a series of warm-up exercises before teaching them some of their music.

"We do this all the time", Grace says, adding that she and her co-performers Thierryno Gangou, Freddy

Poncin, Joelle Barbe and Dan Carroll, all spend time coming into schools and teaching or sharing their music with young people.

Helen Duff, the teacher in charge of music and drama at Kaponga Primary, says the musicians' visit is a great opportunity for the students to mix with real artists and to share their music.



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HANDS up if you had a good time — students from St Patrick's Kaponga and Kaponga Primary enjoy the opportunity to participate in a workshop with WOMAD performers, The Grace Barbe Afro Kreol group. Percussionist Freddy Poncin told the students music was about working together to make something beautiful.