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Eyes and ears: Andrew Hughes taught kids through a virtual "global warming classroom" while travelling around PNG in a kayak (inset).

Virtual lessons from PNG

A SOLO kayaker who paddled 2300km around Papua New Guinea has brought environmental issues to life for thousands of school children.

Tasmanian school teacher and paddler Andrew Hughes spoke to Freshwater State School students this week about his 12-week journey,

followed by primary school students via a website that also includes daily lessons on climate change.

Mr Hughes said "adventure learning" was a great way for students to absorb more about environmental issues.

He said climate debate was a hot topic for Papua New Guinean

communities, as islanders struggled with unseasonal rainfall destroying crops in one region and climate differences in other areas.

"I am your eyes and ears in Papua New Guinea and you are the climate change researchers," Mr Hughes told students.

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