

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON THE HEALTH INITIATIVES OPERATING AT PAKAKURA NORMAL SCHOOL 2012

We invite parent comment and feedback on the following health programmes:

SECTION 1

MISSION STATEMENT, VALUES AND MOTTO

The following is an explanation of how we hope to ensure our mission statement, motto and values are part of the way Papakura Normal School pupils behave every day.

Mission Statement

To inspire and enable young people to progress toward their future, equipped to meet the challenges ahead.

Our **School Values** are:

Respect (for ourselves, others and property)

Excellence

Co-operation

Curiosity

Tolerance

Honesty

Commitment

Perseverance

School Motto

Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it.

- The first five weeks of the school year are spent unpacking our school mission statement, values and motto with our students, and together setting learning goals for the year.
- During this time there will also be a focus on developing routines, expectations and working with others.
- Establishing homework expectations and routines.

These things will be embedded and revisited during the year.

Practical programmes to develop encourage and reinforce these values are embedded in our Papakura Normal School curriculum. These include:

- Cool Schools programme – playground mediators.
- Developing leadership and responsibility through a variety of roles across the school – mediators, school leaders, cultural leaders and class leaders, responsibilities e.g. library and road patrol monitors.
- Environmental Education programmes and environmental leaders. These are both school and community based.
- Gifted and Talented, Special Needs and ESOL programmes.
- Performance groups including Kapahaka, Polynesian, Bollywood, Choirs, Instrumental, Hip Hop, Jump Jam, Ukulele, ICT.
- Outdoor Education Programmes – Year 8 Camp, Y6 EOTC at Highwire Charitable Trust, Year 6 and 7 EOTC programmes.
- Extension and Special Interest groups – Sport, Art, Science, Math, Lit Quiz etc.
- A range of community participation programmes e.g. Waicare, Trees for Survival, Rangatahi Festival, Marae visit, choir festivals.
- Showcasing positive achievement in a variety of ways – School Leaders' Awards, Certificates, Student of the Week, Prizegiving, Ribbon Assemblies and Graduation .
- Attendance award (introduced and funded by Friends of the School 2012).

SECTION 2

HEALTH TOPICS

Our health topics for the year are taken from the NZ Curriculum Health and Physical Education document. These are as follows:

- Personal Health and Physical Development.
- Movement Concepts and Motor Skills.

- Healthy Communities and Environments.
- Relationships with others.

Programmes are planned and adapted to year levels as appropriate, so that meaningful and relevant learning takes place at the child's level of learning. These link very well back to the Mission, Vision, and Values.

SECTION 3

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

These are also interlinked with our Mission, Vision and Values and are in line with restorative justice practices.

- A schoolwide behaviour plan is in place.
- The 'Up Here For Thinking' room operates during break time for serious breaches of behaviour.
- School policies around behaviour and bullying are published for parents in the school newsletter at the beginning of each year.
- Positive behaviour is celebrated e.g. Student of the Week, School Leaders awards, Ribbon awards, Caught Being Good, classroom incentives and awards.

SECTION 4

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Health Experts from outside agencies also work in school.

- Health Nurse visits weekly and is always available.
- Hearing and Vision testing.
- Puberty Talks annually for Year 7 & 8 children.
- School Dental Clinic is on site.
- Speech Therapist.
- Special Education.
- Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour.
- Police Education Officer.

We would invite comment from you on these Health Initiatives. This can be done in a variety of ways by email, completing the form at the bottom of the page and returning it, by phone or in person.

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