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Term One 2021

Kia Ora Koutou! It's hard to believe we are well into term one 2021 already, after a very strange 2020. In this newsletter we tell you about our re-brand, and update on our school survey results, skills training programmes and Bikes in Schools projects. We also look at what's coming next with the district-wide urban speed review, and when schools can engage in this process. please share widely with your school community. Enjoy the read, share widely with your school community. Please get in touch with the Let's Go schools team if you have any feedback or questions. Nāku, nā, Sarah and Nathaniel.

New year, new look - Let's Go!

You may have noticed our branding is looking a little different this year. That's because as part of our celebration of turning 10 years old (yes, we have been around the district of Ngāmotu for that long now!) it was decided to give our brand a refresh to take us into the next chapter of our existence. Over the next few months we'll roll out the new brand across our work. As part of our celebrations, we developed a set of videos to promote active transport. Check out our new video focused on school communities on the Let's Go website [HERE](#). Rest assured, although we may look a little different, the Let's Go Mā Ake team are still doing the mahi, with the same goal to increase the number of people in our community using active and sustainable ways to travel.



Hands Up! *How are we tracking with student active travel?*

Every year around November we ask our travel planning schools to conduct a survey of their student community, to find out how they got to school that day. This survey is very important, and a core part of being a travel planning school, as it helps identify both how we are tracking towards individual school goals and the bigger picture of what school active travel looks like in our rohe.

The overall results for schools who have submitted their data are summarised below, but in short we collectively achieved a **62% average rate of active travel to school**. For travel planning schools who haven't yet carried out their survey, please get in touch and we'll support you to get it done ASAP.



Getting 'Bike Ready' with skills training in Ngāmotu

Let's Go have a strong history of delivering quality cycle and scooter skills programmes in the district, typically delivering to upwards of 4,000 students each year. Our cyclist skills training team are on track to become an accredited BikeReady provider this year. BikeReady is New Zealand's national cycling education system developed through a collaboration between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, ACC and local government. The goal of BikeReady is to assist and expand on the work already happening, with the goal of getting more people riding bikes. One key change from this year is that only those students who are year six and above will receive the on-road cycling in traffic component. We encourage schools and teachers to enhance the delivery of the skills programme, by accessing and using the excellent curriculum resources available to deepen students' learning around sharing the road. Resources can be found on the BikeReady website [HERE](#). Please contact Let's Go if you would like any further advice or support with this.

Let's Go continue to deliver these skills programmes to schools in the New Plymouth District. If you haven't confirmed your training dates for this year, there are still slots available in terms three and four. Please get in touch to book in with Laura Matthews from Sport Taranaki, who coordinates the delivery, by clicking [HERE](#)

Bikes in Schools

We have been working hard to ensure all children have access to riding bikes, by promoting the **Bikes in Schools** programme in our communities. This programme involves schools signing up to a package which includes a purpose-built bike track/s and a set of bikes for use for the school so that every child can have equitable access to the joys of riding. To find out more about Bikes in Schools, click the link [HERE](#) or contact the Let's Go team.

This programme has seen some new and exciting bike tracks being built across the district, with the addition of bike tracks at Coastal Taranaki School (see image below), Inglewood Primary School, Egmont Village School, Waitara Central and Waitara East primary schools. We're also planning new projects at St Joseph's Catholic School New Plymouth, Te Pi'i'pī'inga Kākano Mai i Rangiaātea and St John Bosco School.



Check out tamariki enjoying riding their great new track at Coastal Taranaki School



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