

Term Two I 2021 Kia Ora Koutou!

With the weather turning cooler, its definitely time to offer some encouragement to your school's active travellers to keep up the good work.

In this issue, we encourage schools to register for the fun and positive opportunity to promote active travel with **Get Caught Doing Good - Kitea te Mahi Pai** which rewards active travellers on the last week of this term. We also have a quick update on the **Safer Speeds Review** underway in our district, and a reminder to book in for our ever popular and free to schools in our district **Cyclist Skills** and **Scooter Skills training programmes** for 2022.

Lastly, there's a brief update on what's coming up next term, which includes the **Be Seen - Tīaho Mai!** promotion, which encourages children walking and riding to school to make sure they are seen by other road users, and the interschool and inter-class **Fresh Air Challenge - Te Wero Hauhau**, to encourage a bit of healthy competitive spirit. We hope you enjoy the read. Please also share this widely with your school community.

Nāku, nā, Sarah and Nathaniel.

It's time to reward your active travellers!

As the weather cools, it's a great time to keep the motivation up for our active travellers to school. In the last week of this term/next week, we encourage schools to run a morning promotion, where your Let's Go student teams can 'catch' active travellers on their way in to school and reward them with a small prize (a mix of stationery items).

Please get in touch <u>here</u> to book in your date, get instructions, a graphic to put in your newsletter / send out through your apps, organise delivery of prizes and a Pene Pukeko suit or two (first in, first served!).



Book in for cyclist and scooter skills training in 2021

The image above (taken from the BikeReady <u>website</u>) captures the **Why**, **How** and **What** of a cyclist skills training programme like ours at Let's Go. The team at Let's Go continue to deliver this valuable and popular skills programme to years 6-8 students in schools and kura, along with the scooter skills training to junior/middle primary students in New Plymouth District.

This year is now chocka-block, so to ensure your school community doesn't miss out on training next year, please get in touch to book with our fabulous coordinator Laura Matthews from Sport Taranaki who coordinates the delivery, by clicking <u>HERE</u>.



Safer Speeds Review: what's next?

NPDC has completed the initial consultation for both urban and rural speeds now, with the urban speed review survey closing last week. We would like to say ngā mihi nui, a big thanks to all the schools and kura who helped get the message out to their communities, encouraging individuals to have their say. Not surprisingly, there appears to be strong initial support for the proposed reduced speed limits around school zones.

Once all the findings have been collated and analysed, we will be in touch to let you know the next steps. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience.



How is managing school traffic safety going for your school?

Managing school traffic is carried out through a partnership between schools, NZ Police and the Road Controlling Authority (RCA). As the RCA for this district, NPDC needs to ensure the roads are safe and fit for purpose, which includes providing all infrastructure to operate schools patrols (reference <u>Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency</u>).

At Let's Go, we've begun undertaking a stock-take of what's currently happening with school traffic management activity in our district, in particular with school patrols. We've been discussing with our partners at the NZ Police (School Community Officers), and are interested in hearing how it's going for your school with your current activity and how we can best assist.

We will be sending out a form for Principals and/or delegated Teacher-in-Charge of school traffic safety to complete, so please look out for it in your email inbox. Following this process, we will follow up with our findings and next steps.



Be Seen! Tīaho Mai!

This fun road safety campaign is back in 2021, and ready to bring the fun into road safety for students. Be Seen! Tīaho Mai will be held **early in term three**.

We will send out information in the last week of this term to detail what's on offer this year. In brief, the popular Be Seen! Tīaho Mai! Day is back, with opportunities to win a quality umbrella for your school (handy for traffic patrol), and the colouring-in competition will be promoted through schools and the whānau flyer, with prizes supported by <u>Therm</u>, a fantastic New Zealand outdoor-wear company.

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