

Term 3 KiVa Update: Growing Kind and Confident Kids

Kia ora whānau,

As we settle into Term 3, we want to share an update on our school-wide KiVa anti-bullying programme. KiVa is all about empowering our students with the skills and confidence to be kind, respectful, and supportive friends to one another.

Celebrating Our Successes: We recently conducted a mid-year survey with a sample group of year 0-6 students and were thrilled with the results. It was fantastic to see that the vast majority of our students surveyed know what bullying is and, most importantly, 91% know what to do to help someone who is being bullied. This shows us that the core messages of KiVa are making a real difference and our students are learning how to be active, supportive bystanders.

Our Focus for Term 3: The survey also helped us identify where to focus our efforts next. As children grow and move into the senior school, their social worlds become more complex. To support this, our focus for Term 3 will be on reinforcing the KiVa messages with our senior students (Years 4-6).

This term, senior classes will participate in KiVa "booster" sessions. These lessons will focus on navigating friendships, managing peer pressure, and reinforcing how to get help if they or a friend need it.

How You Can Help at Home: Your partnership is the key to our success. We encourage you to continue having conversations at home about what it means to be a good friend and the importance of speaking up when something isn't right.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us make our school a safe and happy place for every child.