

MEDIATIONWORKS

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Peace Education
Programmes Newsletter

Nga mihi o te tau hou

Happy New Year to all our awesome schools! The Peace Foundation looks forward to an ongoing relationship with you in 2020. Please support us to support you in implementing your school programme well. We encourage your school to stay ahead by attending Peace Foundation regional meetings, workshops and training days held throughout the year. Monthly MediationWorks issues will inform you of upcoming events in this regard. See below for two Auckland events in Term One for Cool Schools. Have a great year!

Kia hohou te rangimarie ... let peace be our objective



Cool Schools Coordinators - Start the New Year Well!

Book a staff meeting slot early in the term to refresh your colleagues on:

- a) The purpose of having **whole school implementation** and how this works at your school. (Content from Sections 1 and 3 of the Cool Schools Primary Manual will be very helpful in motivating your staff to '*get on board*').
- b) Planning for the learning areas teachers need to cover in their classes. Refer to Section 2, Pages 22 - 24 of the manual.
- c) Setting up a Cool Schools Corner in the classroom – Section 2, Page 24.
- d) Sharing Cool Schools resources such as the primary peer mediation role play video clips provided by the Peace Foundation.
- e) Rostering 'on duty' class mediators. Teachers of senior students can keep an eye out for students to be recommended for the school team.
- f) If you plan to have school peer mediators on duty during the first term, discuss how teachers can be supportive in the playground. This includes being aware of the difficult situations peer mediators on duty may face and how teachers can help out when appropriate. Refer to Section 2, Session 10, Pages 120 – 124 of the manual, *Handling Difficult Situations*.
- g) Make sure your colleagues are aware of what conflict situations are **not** appropriate for student peer mediators both in the classroom and in the playground. This is a good discussion to have as part of your staff meeting. Class peer mediators and school peer mediators need to be informed.
- h) Check there is a school policy on safety/non-violence/anti-bullying/anti-harrasment/relationship management. Make sure each teacher has a copy of this.



COOL SCHOOLS

COORDINATOR'S WORKSHOP (Auckland and neighbouring regions)

- Friday 20th March (Week 7, Term 1) 9.30a.m. - 3.00p.m.
- **Support Room, Domain Lodge**
- Parking available at 2 Park Rd, Grafton, Auckland 1023
- \$150 + gst (morning tea, lunch and some resources provided as part of this fee)
- Registration must be received a week before - coolschools@peacefoundation.org.nz

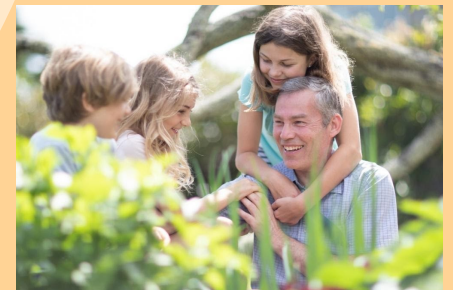
This workshop is to support a teacher who has been given the role of Cool Schools Co-ordinator at their school and who could benefit from some helpful ideas for awareness, up-skilling, motivation and enthusiasm for the role. Participants must have completed the Cool Schools Primary Teacher Training within the last 4 years to be eligible for this workshop.

IMPORTANT: Participants who register their interest in attending and who do not attend on the day, will be charged 50% of the fee unless The Peace Foundation is given three day's notice prior to the workshop date.

(Auckland and neighbouring regions)

- Friday 28th February (Week 4) - 9.00am - 3.00pm
 - Sherwood Primary School
 - Parking available Sartors Ave or King Richard Pl.
 - **\$150 + gst** (Morning tea, lunch and some resources are provided as part of this fee)
 - Registration must be received a week before - coolschools@peacefoundation.org.nz
- *An invoice will be sent to your school once you have registered for the training*

This training is for any primary school teacher who has not completed the Cool Schools one day teacher training within the last four years. It is highly recommended for any teacher who has been given the role of Cool Schools Co-ordinator at their school and is a prerequisite to attending the Regional Coordinators' Workshop on Friday 20th March 2020.



Mindful Communication for Wellbeing Free parents workshops

Testimonial

"This course was a fantastic way to get our whanau involved with the peer mediation programme we offer at our school. The camaraderie and support offered by the evening sessions helped parents feel equipped to form strong relationships with their tamariki and other loved ones. Lisa kept parents engaged and her calming presence helped parents feel comfortable sharing their experience and knowledge. I know that families will be drastically changed thanks to this workshop."

- Cool Schools Coordinator, Willow Park Primary

If you are interested to know more about this valuable and funded programme, feel free to contact Lisa: lisa@peacefoundation.org.nz



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