



PEER MEDIATORS 2011



PEER MEDIATORS AT WAINUI BEACH SCHOOL 2011

What is the Cool Schools Peer Mediation programme?

The Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme has been operating in New Zealand since 1991. Conflict is as much a part of life as the air we breathe. This proactive programme empowers children by teaching them skills and processes to resolve conflict peacefully.

Individuals learn how to use conflict scenarios as an opportunity to build positive relationships with others. Non-violent, constructive, co-operative, WIN/WIN solutions to a problem are negotiated. Agreements are made which are mutually acceptable to all parties concerned. When implemented as a whole-school programme, it has a positive impact not only on students, teachers and parents but also for the wider school community.

WHAT IS MEDIATION?

In mediation people who are in conflict agree to seek help of a third party. The Peer Mediator helps the people reach an agreement. The Peer Mediator DOES NOT solve the conflict - the people involved do this

Peer Mediators at Wainui Beach School have special skills:



They listen to both sides of a conflict



They are fair.



They help by getting each side in a conflict to state their needs and give suggestions about how the 'problem' could be resolved, then negotiates till they both agree.



They do not judge.

We have four very Mediation Rules that everyone needs to agree to before a mediation can take place:



No interrupting - you'll each get a turn.



No name-calling or put-downs.



Be honest.



AGREE to solve the problem.