



Papamoa School New Zealand International Safe School Community Accreditation



Papamoa School's support for Tauranga City's 'Safe City' application was a highlight of Safe City Tauranga's site visit for accreditation as an International Safe Community. Their presentation 'i Save the World' by Todd Rowden and the Papamoa Safety Committee from Papamoa School was of a very high standard and Todd was invited to present 'i Save the World' at the 17th International Safe Communities Conference held in Christchurch, in October 2008. This project has also won national awards.

Papamoa School, is the first Bay of Plenty school to become a member of the Safe School Community International Accreditation Programme. It is a decile six primary school located in Papamoa, on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand, with approximately 600 students and 26 full-time teachers.

Dr Carolyn Coggan director Safe Communities Foundation stated that *"the application was of an extremely high standard and provided an excellent example of a school working towards creating a safer, healthier and more positive learning environment for children and staff"*. She commented that *"over the past few years, they have created a culture of safety I have rarely seen in primary schools. They are an active and vibrant school that brings safety to the daily consciousness of the school and broader community"*.

The Safe School Community International Accreditation Programme Award Assembly held on 21st November 2008 was a wonderful occasion and reflected the wider community involvement in making Papamoa School a Safe School. Phil Friar (principal) stated *"the inherent development of a culture of safety is reliant on both collaboration and support of many within our organisation"*...and made special mention of the *"tremendous support provided by Cathy Burgess (deputy principal) and Todd Rowden"*.

Further information can be found at the Safe School website www.safeschoolciap.org and the Safe Communities Foundation NZ web site www.safecommunities.org.nz



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