

Welcome to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Life Education Trust column.

This final school term has been an enjoyable one for staff and trustees of the Life Education Trust. We welcomed a new Trustee Andy Galbraith, the local manager of The National Bank in Whakatane. Andy was one of the local business leaders that put his hand up to participate in the "Fight For Life Ed" last year, and we welcome his positive input and expertise on to our Trust. Andy replaced Stephen Clayton, who has been promoted to a new job outside the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Our fundraising for this term included the "Golf For Life" tournament at Whakatane Golf Club. Also if you purchase your petrol at the newly branded "Z" outlets, you will be issued with a red token that you can use to vote for one of four charities in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. LIFE EDUCATION TRUST is one of the options and we would love your support. We also celebrated 15 years in the Eastern Bay, a great achievement. In that time we have taught our valuable programmes to about 75,000 children.

Nearly 5000 Eastern Bay children have participated in the Life Education programme this year and Shirley and Harold have travelled the length and breadth of our region, reminding our children how fantastic they are and how important it is to make healthy choices. Our new multi-media, mobile classroom has been parked in nearly every primary and intermediate school playground.

The summer holiday kicks off soon and Harold looks forward to seeing you all on the 10th December at the Christmas Parade in town. Holidays are a great time for families, but sadly it is also a time when safety and health risks for children increase. Water-related and vehicle-related accidents, sunburn, food poisoning and family violence are just some of the risks that kids can face, and as adults we need to remember that when our normal routine is abandoned in favour of holiday fun, we can unintentionally take our eye off the ball and fail to supervise our young ones adequately. We also need to moderate those behaviours that create family stress, like over-spending, and heavy drinking.

From the team at the Life Education Trust, we wish you all a great family holiday, and a healthy new year. Thank you for all your tremendous support, from children, parents, schools and sponsors.

"The trustees, Shirley and Harold wish all the children, families and our supporters a wonderful Christmas and New Year"



Classroom schedule

- James Street November 29-December 8

Harold's tips for the kids...

- If you are special, so is the person next to you
 - We need to be safe in what we do and what we say

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