

School Travel Planning – without the plan

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Henry Hill School

- Decile 1, Napier suburb of Maraenui
- 250 Children
- 79% Maori, 10% Pacific

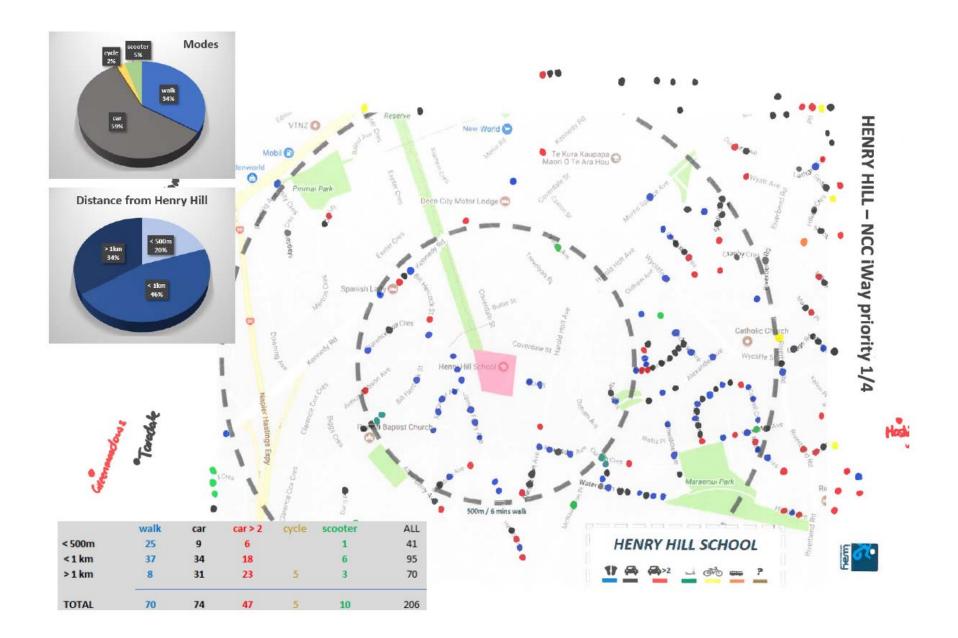






Traffic chaos outside the school gates....





Competing issues....

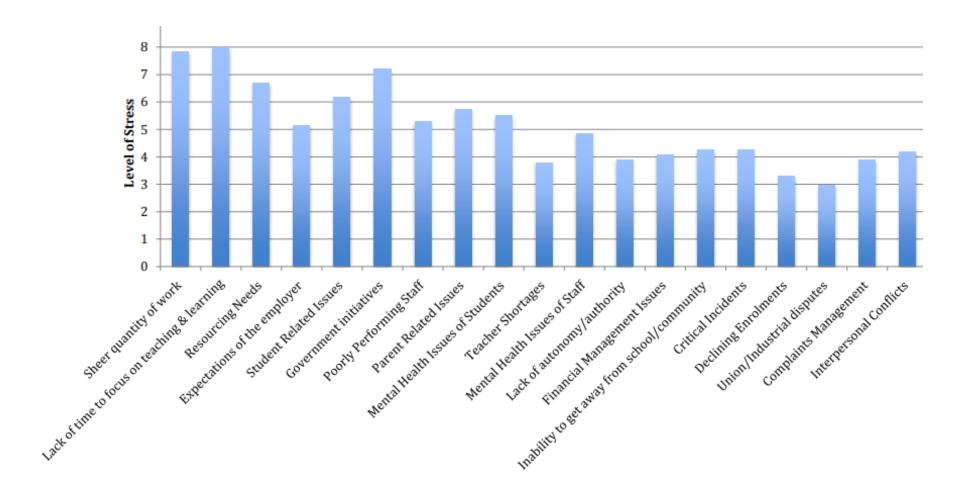
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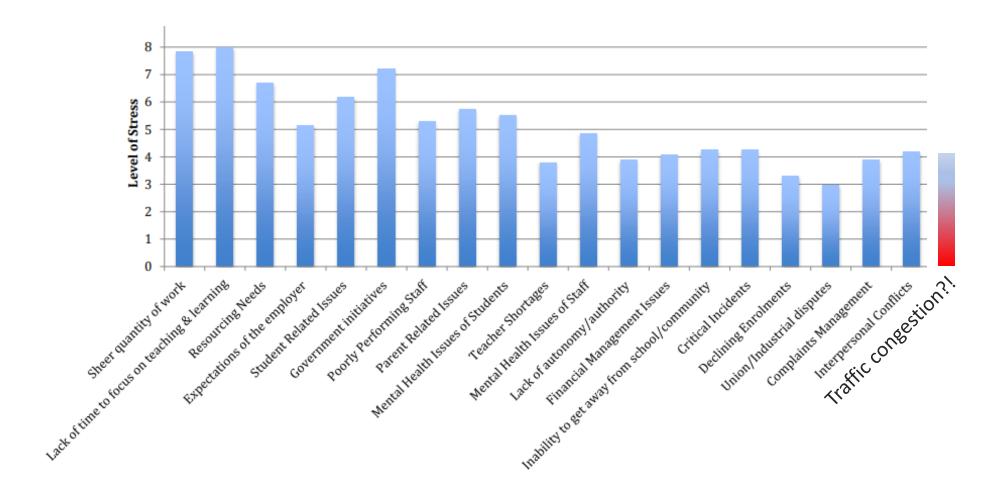
resources and huge demands. Picture / 123RF

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Traditional travel planning

Overview

Objectives

The objectives of the set-up phase are to:

- encourage the whole school's commitment to participate in the
- develop a list of relevant partners, make contact with them and clarify roles and responsibilities
- develop an appropriate timeline covering data collection, planning and likely start date for implementation.

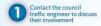
Indicative timeframe

delayed to fit into the school calendar or other major events.

Completion of set-up phase

The coordinator has completed the set-up phase after the school is engaged in the process and an overall timeline has been determined, aims have been set and a review process agreed to.

Steps



They can alert you to any traffic issues

After the school has considered the

- Discuss with relevant people an overview of how the school can bene from a safe school travel plan.
- Number of students
- Decile rating
- Perceived issues Involvement in any extracurricular safety programmes.
- plan process, which may be a presentation to staff or the board of trustees.

Gain principal and/or board agreement to proceed

The principal and/or board will discuss and agree the overall objectives and timeline. Obtain written commitment of

Identify possible working group members and their roles

Involve the principal, and possibly some or all of the trustees. Apart from parents, caregivers, students and staff, consider other people who should be included.



Determine overall aims and evaluation process

safe school travel plan. These can be revisited at the planning phase, but discussing them at this stage helps focus

Aims will need to be written so they can be measured through a cyclic review

- Create a safe school travel policy. Check resources at www.education. nzta.govt.nz/curriculum/wholeschool-approach.
- · Place road safety outcomes into the school curriculum within each year level. This can be supported using curriculum resources at www. education.nzta.govt.nz/curriculum.

Prepare a timeline for the safe school travel plan process

Establish the school's overall aims for the A timeline is critical for ensuring the whole school is prepared for their involvement in both curriculum and school events to be integrated into the

> For example, integrating part of the consultation process into a planned parent-teacher evening ensures a maximum number of parents and caregivers (and students) are involved.

The timeline does not have to be detailed

- a list of the actions or tasks that need to be completed (eg writing the travel)
- an indication of when school events (eg sports days) occur and how the safe school travel plan ties in with
- the names of the people responsible for completing each task
- the timeframe.

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Scoping & planning phase

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Important themes

- . Gaining and developing the active
- . Selecting data collection and appropriate to the community.

Indicative timeframe

The scoping and planning phase usually takes about one school term.

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Steps



Gather information

the information is through students and their families. Some safe school travel plan tools include a survey questionnaire or online survey, along with a local area compile a summary report for all to map or Google maps that can be filled. out in class time or at home.

> and whanau can be emailed or sent home. with the children, including an explanation of the purpose of a safe school travel plan and why this tool is being used within this community. It will also contain an explanation of what will how it will be used to inform the information will be destroyed after the

questionnaires aim to gather data about:

this data shows the extent to which travel options are currently being used and discusses the students' perception of road safety issues. It also provides a

the impact of the safe school travel plan.

How students would like to get to school this data provides insights into potential positive safe travel options if current barriers and issues are removed or

Undertake traffic and pedestrian counts if suitable to the outcome

Another possible investigation method is to carry out traffic and pedestrian counts. These counts may provide a baseline for

- Some suggestions include counting: . cars parked in the streets around the
- . bikes in the bike stand
- · vehicles travelling past key points
- students and adults walking past key points around the school.

used for assessing the impact of safe may be carried out twice a year to take

analyse data

All the information from the surveys and any other consultation should be analysed. In recording the routes walked and cycled by children, each road and street is assigned a separate tally sheet to give an individual profile of use and

- The main objectives are to identify the: · number of children using each road
- intersections at peak times
- · hazards or safety concerns.

After this information is summarised, it's possible on a GIS map to identify the most frequently used routes and travel options and issues that should be resolved (eg addressing major hazards).



The site assessment describes the school's physical environment in terms of its travel-related facilities and infrastructure. It also outlines the school's travel policies.

The following are the key elements of a

A plan of the school and surrounding road networks - this locates the school within its environment and how it fits This plan should also include informatio on bus, cycle and pedestrian routes, car parking areas and their designation, and any traffic problems arising from the school journey. Current planning

applications or construction work.

may be mentioned.

School entrance description - this description of the 'school gate' includes information relating to housing, parking, vehicles, pedestrians, road markings (eg clearways) and other road users.

crossing facilities, and observe how these facilities are being used by children, as well as record any issues for people crossing facilities. Police education

train the school traffic safety teams.

School travel policies - the site assessment should also include an analysis of any current school policies that may impact on the safe school



The following report format is suggested as a guide:

Introduction - outlining the purpose of the report and how the data was gathered

Danger spots/key sites - summarising the key sites (eg intersections and crossing points). Highlighting danger

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The whole school approach in New Zealand can be found at education.nzta.govt.nz/curriculum/whole-school-approach

- The objectives of the planning phase are to:
- · develop a plan that uses the whole school approach to address the
- ensure the action plan is acceptable to the school community and local council, and that it is achievable.



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Bring together the working group using the whole school approach

the whole school approach and their safer school travel plan.

It's the coordinator's role to bring together the working group members and clarify the group's purpose and an agreed way of working together. Working group membership need not be fixed, as it may be useful to bring in specialist input at various points.



- · Review the data report, results of any consultation and any coordinator recommendations.
- . Agree on the priority issues.
- · Explore all possible solutions.

After a draft action plan has been developed, let the school community know that it is available and that the working group is keen to gain feedback.

needs to remain flexible about the



The working group should meet to finalise the action plan and compile the overall safe school travel plan. While the plan forms the body of the safe school travel plan, it is also useful to include background information and supporting materials (eg school policies, monitoring

Seek feedback from Seek feedback from the school community and partners on the action plan

before finally approving it.

Finalise the safe school community and partners

Four weeks is usually allotted for feedback partners. The working group then meets to finalise the safe school travel plan and begin implementation. The working group proposed actions and be prepared to alter

Formats may include: Introduction

- Location and description of the

usually tabled at the next board meeting

for approval, and subsequently circulated

to appropriate interested groups.

or very simple and

school travel plan.

School Curriculum

A safe school travel plan

document can be detailed.

suggested that each of the

form the headings of the safe

School Ethos and Organisation

School Community Partnerships

three areas of the whole

- School catchment area and number of students
- School ethos and vision

Body

- Policy background/why the safe

- Aims identified in the set-up phase - Expected benefits (including who
- Reference to school travel policies (school, community and other
- Survey and consultation results Current travel patterns (local and any links with regional or nations

- What the school is doing already - What else the school community can do (action plan in table format)
- Selected measures to be implemented (prioritised) Safety considerations

- How the plan will progress and the changes to be monitored
- The targets and indicators to be
- How the changes will be reported

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- · Facilitate the implementation of all aspects of the plan. Formally review the plan with the working group, signing off the tasks that have been completed.
- . Inform the school community of the impact of the implemented strategies.



Using the travel plan to support change

Steps



or launching the safe school travel plan. with their community by holding an

Some ideas to consider are:

- · holding the launch during a regular
- · involving students in the launch
- · inviting VIP guests, such as the mayor
- · announcing the commencement of the safe school travel plan through the school website, social media and any printed publications.

Implement the plan

tasks, such as:

- action plan
- · convening the ongoing meetings of the
- with the working group at regular intervals
- · ensuring all stakeholder groups are updated on programme progress, as necessary
- · identifying and removing obstacles to organising milestone celebrations in conjunction with the working group.

Review the plan

- · any loose ends can be identified and
- undertaking tasks allocated in the
 a plan is in place for completing any strategies that haven't been implemented (eg major engineering
- reviewing and updating the action plan
 there is a clear plan in place for the continued implementation of ongoing strategies (eg annual education of children on the correct use of a

note how each initiative has helped (or failed) to achieve the aims and objectives of the plan. This will help identify best adaptations of the safe school travel plan



major work of the working group is

where no change has occurred, then the

For example, if new parking controls at

the school gate or around the school

pick-up and drop-off times, parking policies need to be revised (eg a new

and owners receive a ticket).

haven't decreased the number of cars parking illegally (and dangerously) during

council is notified of illegally parked cars

need to be revised.

Modify and revisit the aims completed The travel plan should be a fluid document that adapts to changes in travel issues and patterns. A record should be kept of all actions and

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Launch the plan

- safe school travel plan through the

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- organising milestone celebrations in



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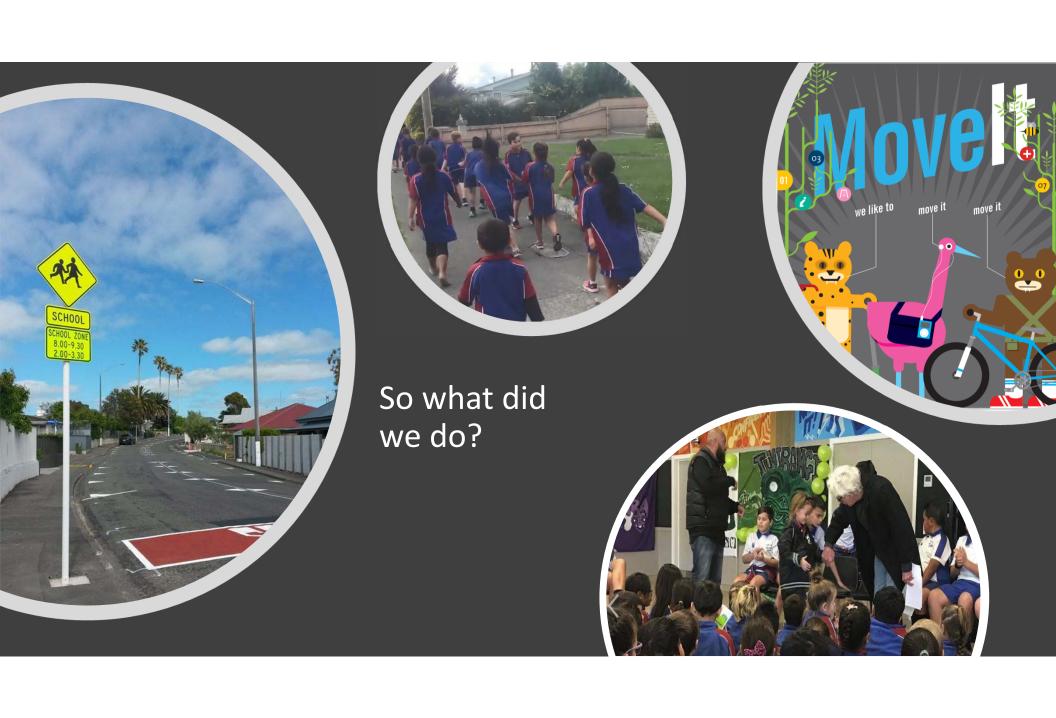
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Change driven by kids – not parents



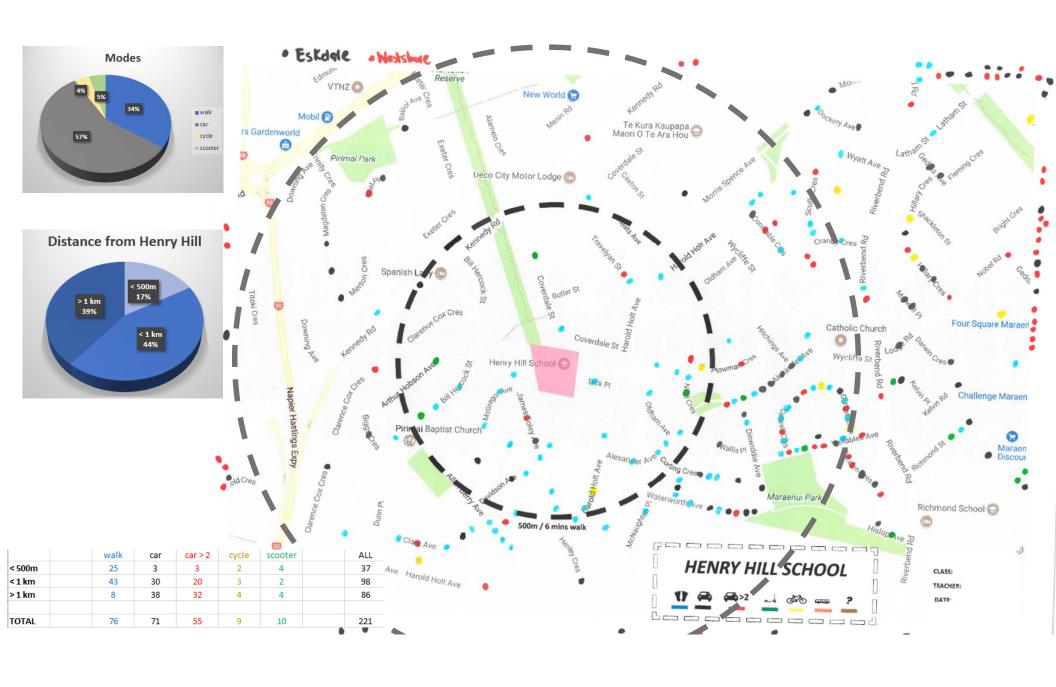
The results:



In the cul-de-sac
BEFORE:
55 -60 cars each morning
& afternoon

AFTER:

- ✓ 2 or 3 cars on a bad day!
- ✓ Often no cars at all
- ✓ School has become a hub for the Community





Living Streets Aotearoa Golden Foot Award for School Travel 2018

Things we learnt #1

✓ Dramatic changes are possible WITHOUT a document...



Things we learnt #2

- ✓ "Once the kids bought into it, they set the standard, expectations etc for their whanau the roles were reversed, and the kids were teaching values/morals to the adults" Principal
- ✓ What happens on the streets outside a school can have a huge impact inside the school itself





Thank you!

