

Investing in the future of our community

Taumarunui Primary School Deputy Principal, Christina Koko, says King Country Energy has made a huge difference in the lives of its school children through support of Kiwi Can.

“We simply couldn’t afford to provide our children with the Kiwi Can programme if it wasn’t for King Country Energy. Their sponsorship helps pay for two tutors and materials. It’s a shame that every school in our area doesn’t have access to the programme,” says Christina..

“
King Country Energy are local and they care about the community. We don’t see enough of that these days. ”

Kiwi Can is a programme for 5-12 year olds that teaches life skills and values. King Country Energy’s annual sponsorship allows 14 schools in the region to provide the programme to students. Kiwi Can teaches young people self-confidence, responsibility, accountability and how to tackle life issues with a ‘can do’ attitude.

Through Kiwi Can, Christina says the children at Taumarunui Primary School learn respect for others, the importance of giving to others and how to avoid bullying tactics. The school has set aside a room as its ‘Kiwi Can room’ where much of the programme takes

place. However, the school has also been working to help the children transfer Kiwi Can tactics into ‘real life.’

“We’ve now begun splitting out the time we spend on Kiwi Can activities into half classroom time and half in a sports rotation. We’re helping the children take the techniques they learn in the classroom out on the sport field. We hope this will encourage the children to use Kiwi Can techniques in their everyday lives, not just in a structured classroom environment,” says Christina.

Taumarunui Primary School has always been a King Country Energy customer. Christina says having local people from a local company involved with the school is very much valued.

“King Country Energy is not a faceless company. Very much the opposite – we know the people, we see their staff on the street and they come to our functions. They are local and they care about the community. We don’t see enough of that these days.”



Taumarunui Primary School Deputy Principal, Christina Koko, and students