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from Jo, Lucy, Zak and the team at Social Socks

The News

What an amazing start to 2020! We ran the very first Social Socks Professional Training Workshop for the Teachers of Cloverlea School. It's neat to be back at Central Normal School working with 4 classes of Years 1 & 2 children. And we have some wonderful new keen helpers, including three 2nd Year Social Work students!



Lucy stacking class kits.

Update from the Board

This is our first newsletter for 12 months after a action packed 2019.

Last year, in Terms 1 & 2 we delivered Social Socks at Milson, Terrace End and Central Normal Schools. Two of the classes were bilingual and this helped increase the Te Reo content in the programme.

Social Socks was invited to present to the Social Work students and this resulted in some Social Work students doing their placement hours with us, which we are very excited about! The Palmerston North Volunteers Centre again supported us. Thanks folks.

Think Right are our first Business Sponsor. Mike and Kiri Clark have been so encouraging, and the positive caring mindset of Social Socks matches well with their ethos. Thanks again to the teachers and principals of Terrace End, Central Normal and Milson Schools, the children and their parents. It is a privilege to be in the classrooms.



Classes

The Social Socks programme is currently being delivered at Central Normal School.

This is the biggest group of volunteers we have ever had. The children are soaking up the learning, helped by having a adult to two children.

The volunteers have training each Friday prior to delivering the programme the following week.

The children are so attentive while trying to help Zak, Lucy and Jo out!

Professional Development Training

Our awesome team of volunteers helped us run the first PD Training workshop at the end of January for the teachers of Cloverlea School. This was a great day of learning and fun for all. The feedback awesome. Everyone made a weighted soft toy and sock puppet. This allowed the teachers to have an understanding of what Social Socks brings to the classroom.



Christmas Gift Boxes

For the second year, Social Socks coordinated the delivery of Gift Boxes to children in care through Oranga Tamariki. What an amazing privilege to bring hope and show love at Christmas time.

One lady put together 100 boxes for the second year in a row!!

Toyota NZ and St Albans Church donated 100 boxes between them.

A big thanks to our Social Socks team of volunteers who coordinated this.

Workshop

The Enrichment Workshop was held in November, and combined as a Working Bee to make classroom resources. Thanks to our guest speaker Hannah Rowan, who we all learnt a lot from.

Testimonies from Classroom

"First thing at school, Jimmy asked if we had Social Socks. When I said 'Yes', he jumped with excitement and said, 'Oh great, I love Social Socks'"

"The children felt comfortable talking about blended families during the session, Who cares for me."

Molly said, "When people say hurtful it affects you all over your body."

Another children who special needs, said "Zak, Lucy and Jo should all be friends."

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