

Comparing Our School with Te Totara Primary School in New Zealand


After completing our **'Getting To Know Us and Our School' video project**, the next task was to use the presentations and discover similarities and differences. The whole school watched diligently all the videos created by the New Zealand children and made in-depth comparisons between our schools and them. We collated our findings and made a video presentation that is now available to view on our website. We hope you will enjoy watching and seeing how similar and different we are with other international schools.

Impacts of Linking with International Schools

As one of the summarising tasks for this academic year, children and staff shared their views about the impacts on linking with international schools. See below for some of the views, however, more views can be found at the end of **our 'WHJS comparisons between schools' video presentation**.

Impact of linking with Te Totara Primary School

Here are some children and teacher views on the impact of linking with an international school.



The global links have opened up opportunities for all to be aware of different cultures and the way they live.

(Mrs Manfredi, Y3 Teacher)

It's a great to get an idea of different cultures but also how similar children are.

(Y6 Juniper Class)

It is so interesting to find out about other schools in other countries – until now we have only known about our school.

(Olivia, Y3 Ash)

You can see how other schools work and take some of their ideas to improve our school.

(Archie, Y4 Beech)

I think linking with international schools is a good way to develop social skills and have opportunities to meet new people.

(Samma, Y5 Birch)

It helps to give us ideas about some of the things we can do in our school, like new resources

(Caitlyn, Y4 Elm)

It's a good way to learn about what they do at school.

(Ishaq, Y3 Oak)

I liked finding out about the languages spoken.


(Max, Y3 Ash)

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Here are some of the children's views on the impact of linking with an international school.



We could get to know people from around the world.

(Timothy, Y4 Elm)

It's good find out the different ways of doing things.

(Y6, Juniper Class)

It gives the opportunity to make global connections and make comparisons to their own experiences.

(Miss Fabbri, Y5 Teacher)

You might learn things from schools that you can include in your own work.

(Albie, Y4 Maple)

It's interesting to learn about a different environment in a different country.

(Max, Y4 Maple)

I love the fact that we make links with international schools. It's so important in this day and age and really helps the children see themselves in a global context.

(Mrs Mendez, Y4 Teacher)

It's nice to know how the rest of the world learn.

(Madeline, Y5 Birch)

It's nice to see schools that's so different, yet similar in many ways!

(Mr Goodchild, Y5 Birch)

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