

# Webbed Walking Why it matters...

Inspiring stories online Walking connections and walking sense Walk this way .....

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Walking matters...

Walking to school matters
The empirical evidence for good outcomes include

- mental and physical well being
- community relationships
- connections to the future



This short dialogue is eclectic - celebrating difference

- -Every diverse part of FeetFirst contributes to the community
- -How teachers and students work in classrooms
- -Where communities use parks /walks/ gardens
- -What parents /whanau create in walking groups to and fro school

It is a tiny project ..
The website is both the mirror and the motivation



Professor Miriam Lips of Victoria University recently addressed the reference group of teachers principals, council officers and public servants

-She used the following slide -



# Citizen-Centric Government involves...

- Empower the experts: include them in 'government'
- A partnership of multiple organisations and individuals
- Connect with a wide range of 'stakeholders'/voices
- Co-define problems and solutions
- Share ownership of co-defined problems and solutions: make citizens responsible for outcomes and deliver what you promise
- Facilitative leadership
- A lot of time, energy, hard work, resources etc: it is not easy....(from) Presentation to FeetFirst Workshop 23 October 2009 Professor Miriam Lips of Victoria University Wellington http://e-government.vuw.ac.nz/Publications/citizencentric\_FeetFirst.pdf

The growing prevalence of the 'school run' has major implications for <u>traffic</u> <u>congestion</u> and <u>vehicular pollution</u> in our major cities.

The morning peak time for school drop-offs is a particular concern as it coincides with the morning rush-hour; the afternoon period is less of a concern as it falls about 90 minutes before most people finish work.

The most efficient way to get students to school is for them to walk or cycle to nearby schools, or for public transport to bring them to school if they live furthe afield.

It also means that young people, particularly primary school students, are learning unhealthy and sedentary habits at an early age.



Ownership is shared - TA's /schools/ Govt agencies

The stories are from like minds

All contributions are valued

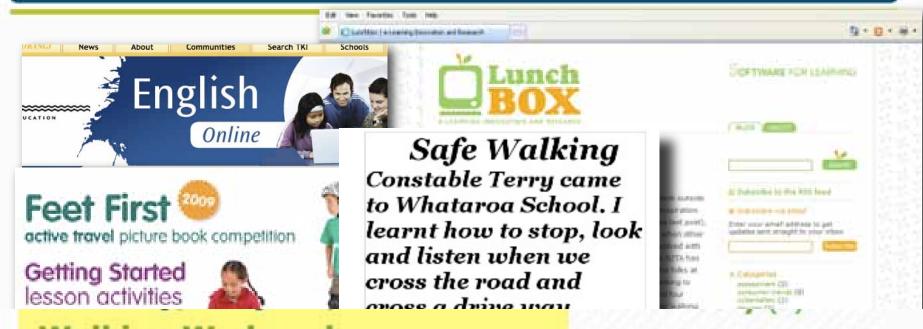
There are is no one "right way"

There are local solutions





# Teachers\_schools



#### Walking Wednesdays



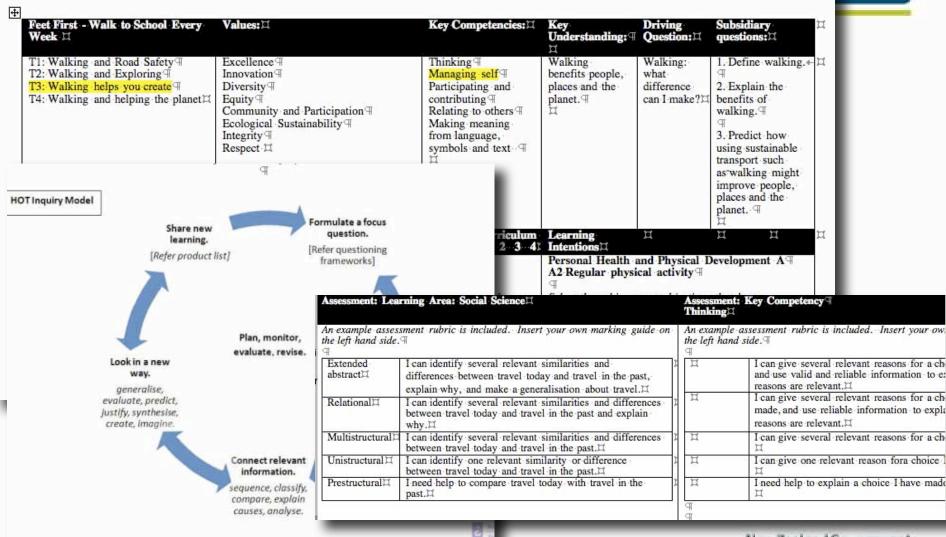
Walk to School Every Week

la Wiki Hīkoi Ki Te Kura

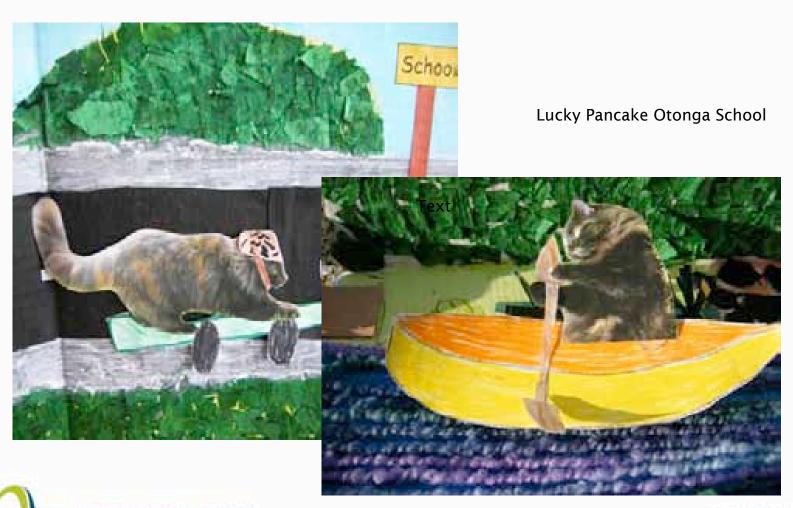
# Where visitors to our blog come from



## Curriculum materials



# Learning based incentives



# Parents \_whanau-caregivers

### FEET FIRST

WELCOME

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#### TREADING TUESDAYS

Parents, your children have been asked to walk to school on a **Tuesday** no matter what the weather, this is to go into a competition for Feetfirst campaign. Our school continues to promote healthy diets with exercising in many forms.

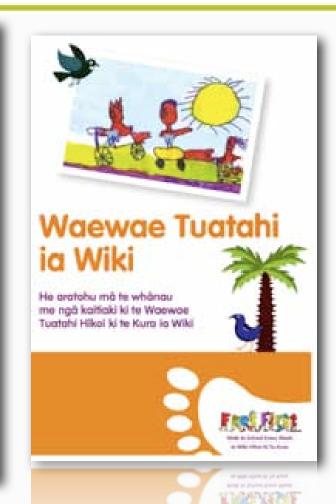
If you **HAVE** to drive your children, please park either on Kilimanjaro Drive or Santa Ana or Inagh place and walk from there.

This will allow the children to walk a distance and assist in avoiding cars driving past the school.

I ask you... CAN YOU DO IT??? Your response... YES WE CAN!!!



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## Other like minds

#### Online teachers and parents resources

New Zealand Feet First website helps primary schools promote walking in fun and unusual ways. Teachers can submit stories about walking initiatives, order resources, enter the competitions, collect walking numbers, or any combination of these.



The Curriculum Learning Area Resource provides learning experiences for teacher-directed inquiry. It includes the values, key competencies, achievement objectives, learning intentions, learning experiences, thinking strategies, what if questions, ICT resources, and self-assessment examples for curriculum levels 1 to 4 in teacher-directed inquiry into how "walking benefits people, places and the planet". Although destined for New Zealand teachers, these resources could be adapted for use in Canadian classrooms.

Parents and caregivers can access resources to support safe walking to school, such as a parent guide, and colourful certificate, fold out cord.



Nelson Central Walking School Bus

diary for students, postcards, posters, charts, record cards and bookmarks.

Read about the great ideas that other schools have had to promote walking like Nelson Central School, that started a walking blog to talk about the school's walking program. Media went to Nelson where students from Nelson Central and three other local schools showcased their walking school buses.



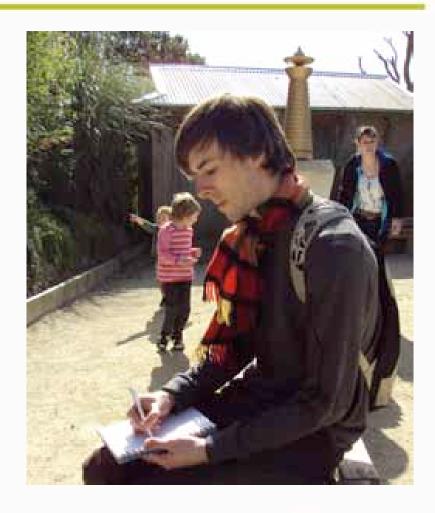


Feet First Bookmarks

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"Healthy Parks, Healthy People" Parks Victoria, Professsor Mardie Townsend Deakin University 2002.

We now know that some of the simplest pleasures in our lives are among the most important to our health and wellbeing. Walking in our neighbourhood, interacting with people and animals, enjoying the natural environment have all been shown to play a significant role in supporting physical and mental health.







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