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From: Laura Halliday (Acting Principal, Murupara School)
Sent: Monday, 24 May 2010 5:47 a.m
To: Jane Hall (HIPPY National Director)
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Dear Jane

My name is Laura Halliday, Acting Principal at Murupara School. I am writing in support of the HIPPY program based in Murupara.

In speaking with the New Entrant teacher and having been a teacher in that level for four years, the HIPPY children stand out from all the other children in academic abilities. They are able to spell their name, count forwards and backwards, recognise numbers and letters.

This is a well needed programme for low socio communities where it is educating parents to care for their child's future.

If you advertise a parenting programme, adults will not go because of the negative connection with it. The HIPPY programme has a 'caring for their child' aspect as the major need.

When the children enter with understanding, their wairua and wellbeing is a happy one. School is enjoyable. When they enter lacking skills and ability, they find school hard and sometimes negative behaviours occur.

I ask on behalf of all the teachers in the area, please find some way to continue the HIPPY programme. It gives children a better start in life and the parents the ability to guide and be an active part of their future.

Yours sincerely

Laura Halliday