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Kia ora.

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My name is Christina Barruel and I am the Head of Peace Education and Co-Manager for Te Rōpū Rongomau o Aotearoa - The Peace Foundation.

We would love your support to help us scale up our impact across New Zealand schools.

With a career in Peace Education spanning 35 years, the Peace Foundation school programmes are my life's work.

Our school programmes teach children from 5 to 18 years old how to change their world for the better by leading conflict resolution amongst their peers. Equipped with communication, problem solving and conflict management skills, these confident young leaders make a huge impact helping their schools, homes and communities thrive.

When I started to 'practice what I preached', it transformed my relationships with my own family, friends and colleagues for the better! That experience has made me a passionate advocate for our programmes, and I am determined to make sure they are resilient and sustainable for many generations to come.

Here are two recent testimonials:

"As a result of Cool Schools, our peer mediators and our students feel more confident discussing their problems and coming to their own solutions. We see fewer issues in the playground appearing as the students are more conscious of others feelings." Mahana Primary School Classroom Teacher

"Leadership through Peer Mediation is a great programme in my opinion. I enjoyed it a lot because it's not only a way to learn about handling difficult situations but it showed us how to handle ourselves too. Put yourself first before helping others! I loved it and I will keep it with me forever. Please continue this amazing and very helpful programme. It will help a lot of teenagers in the future!" Mount Roskill Grammar School Peer Mediator Trainee

He waka eke noa - join us in this waka together. I have attached our 2023/2024 funding request. For more information please do have a look at this document. Substantial, reliable, funding is required to support the growth of our good work. I truly hope you will consider supporting us for a brighter future.

I would be happy to set up a video call to discuss further or meet for a coffee.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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