

**MANUREWA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
PARENT SURVEY JUNE 2003  
HEALTH CURRICULUM QUESTIONS**

Comments on survey results from Section 2 Health Education

1. This section of the survey was included to meet the schools obligation to consult with its community regarding the health education.

Given that the school is also obliged to consult specifically with Maori whanau the questionnaire was designed to enable a separate analysis to be made of the responses from Maori families.

A preliminary examination of the separate survey return analyses show very little variation between the responses from Maori and the responses from non-Maori. Consequently the comments below refer to the combined results from the two sets of returns.

2. **Survey response**

Number distributed to Maori	100	Return	73	73%
Number distributed to non Maori	<u>324</u>	Return	<u>268</u>	83%
Combined totals	424		341	80%

This is an outstanding response to a survey of this nature.

3. Families were asked to rank six facets of health education in order of importance. Food and nutrition and body care and physical safety were the two areas seen as the most important key areas of learning. Mental health and physical activity were also seen as relatively important. Outdoor education and sports studies were lowly ranked while sexuality education was seen as least important.

4. **Sexuality education**

Parents were asked if they were comfortable with the programme outlined to them.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Junior School	93%	7%
Middle School	93%	7%
Senior School	97%	3%

nb percentages of those people asking each section

It seems clear that the vast majority of respondents are comfortable with the programme provided.

5. **Headlice information**

Of the people responding to this question (332) 68% are happy with the amount of information sent home while 32% felt they required more information.

6. **Physical Activity**

Parents were asked if they considered the amount of physical activity in school programmes was appropriate, inadequate or excessive.

Of the people responding (326) 91% thought the current programme was appropriate, 8% thought it was inadequate and 1% (4 people) thought it was excessive.

### **Summary**

Overall it is reasonable to assume that the vast majority of parents are happy with the health programme delivered to their children.

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