

Our Boys Class -2021

Forest View High School

See more, Do more, Be more!

YEAR STARTED ON DAY 1 OF TERM 1

With some disengaged boys

WHAT WAS THE SOLUTION

We struggled along for two terms while I dreamt up a solution

TERM 3

Boys class started -fingers crossed it would work

END OF YEAR 1

Success breeds Success

Always look for the good!

Many of the boys were disengaged from a system where they struggled to make connections. This year has been about reconnecting the disconnected





Why?

- Boys tend to be over-represented in the lowest achieving group.
 This is especially true for Māori and Pasifika boys.
- We want all of our students to be successful and go out to function well in our Community - previously there was roaming, disrespectful behaviour and a lack of connection from many boys

What difference has this class made?



-Most boys don't move around the school - there is one space they belong in. -A small group of staff who surround the students. -Pastoral issues dealt with as soon as possible Boys are fed - noodles!

Boys Achieving



- NCEA
- Forklift Licence
- Driving Licence
- Work Ready
- Trades courses
- First Aid course
- Health and Safety course
- Tracking achievement

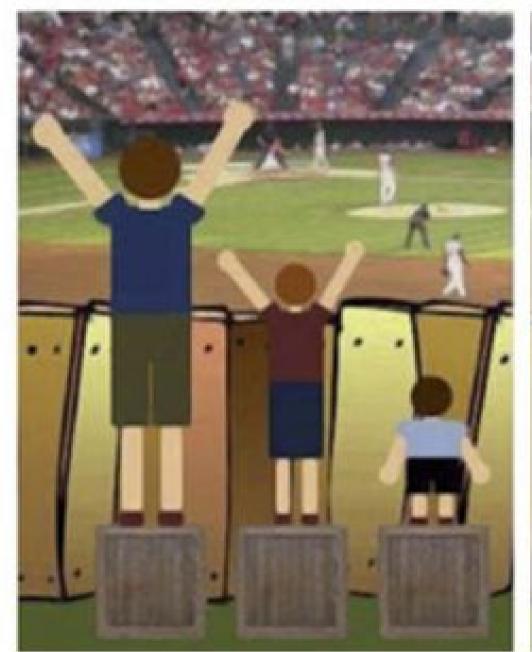
Why not a Girls class?

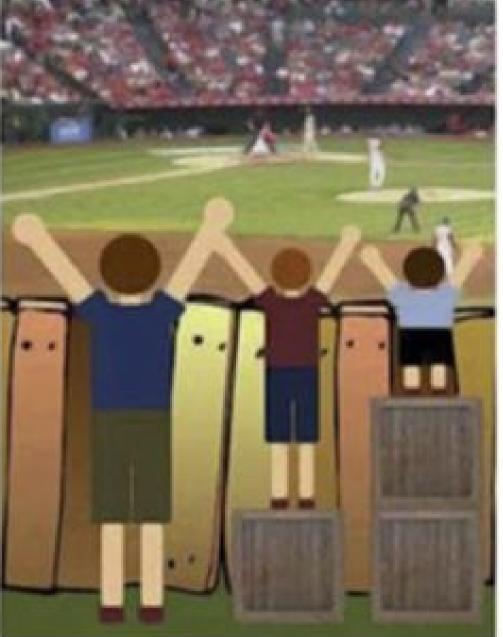
Why should these boys have this?

Why should naughty kids get these treats?



EQUALITY vs. EQUITY





Equality = Sameness

GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME

THING

It only works if everyone starts from the same place



As the Principal why am I involved with this class?

I don't have time to be involved really

But this has literally been the brightest part of my day most days!

I want to be part of the intervention not the punishment



A bit about me

I was born to teenage parents - my Mum was 17 when I was born and my brother followed 18 months later

Raised in South Auckland until I was 14 - living in Otahuhu, Manurewa and spending time in Otara at my Dad's house.

Raised on the DPB with a solo mother, who had no car and we would have been classed as poor. We lived in state housing

Proudly Pakeha, Tongan and Cook Island Maori

I was a broken young lady because my parents were broken people - I went through my 20's experiencing some difficult times because of this.

I was the Eldest grandchild on both sides of my family and fortunate I had some great support from my family.

Married to Steve on the 16th of December for 21 years we have two children - Boston and Ella

We need to work together to raise

GOOD MEN

My goal is to make our communities stronger and I believe they are stronger when Males are Connected, Educated and we have had a chance to work on the issues some face before they leave school. Education provides choices and options for the future.

To Danielle, Murray and Mirissa for working in the boys class

To our Senior Leadership team for supporting me working alongside these young men - this kept me at Forest this year

To our families for trusting us with the education of your young men

To the boys for getting involved even when you thought the idea was crazy, wanting to achieve and learning to be better each day.

Thank you