



the global voice of the children ...

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL KIDS AND SCHOOLS

Get YOUR students involved in a new global peace-and-sustainability project

**One People One Planet is a unique New Zealand based charitable trust which empowers the children of the world to come together in global community to promote peace and the well-being of the planet and all its inhabitants. We provide a platform of child-focused and child-driven collaborative projects to kids in classrooms everywhere and we welcome your interest and involvement.**

**New Project** We are ready to launch our next big project. This project has been designed by the Peace Pals at Kaiapoi Borough School

## The Biggest Peace Banner The World Has Ever Seen.

The KBS Peace Pals who will be Project Leaders, supported by their teacher, Jenny Sinclair, a member of our TAG Team (Teachers Advisory Group), have a two-year Project Plan. The project has been modeled to be cross curricular, and curriculum friendly. A project paper has been written by Stephen Gordon, Associate Principal of Sunnybrae Normal School; another TAG Team member, and is available to you.

In the words of the the Project Leaders:

*"We want to put together a banner that other kids can contribute to, and we want to send it all around the world. Kids have got a lot to say about peace - you just have to ask them. The idea of the banner is that this will be like the kids voice for peace from all over the world, so we want every kid to write or paint or draw or stitch something that matters to them the most about peace ... we want it to be big enough to wrap around the Beehive - to go into*

*The Guinness Book of Records - travel the world to every school that is involved - and be presented at the United Nations on Peace Day. And we want to write a book about it, at the end".*



**It's all about friendship, collaboration, peace and sustainability.**

The KBS Peace Pals have expressed the desire that the collaborative work on the banners will form the basis for discussion and friendship across the world; providing the basis for closer understanding and kinship amongst participants. They have designated size of banner, specified eco-friendly fabric; they have listed 6 points to be explored and illustrated by participants.

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# Peace Pals Banner Project

## Background

One People One Planet is a group whose aim is to make the world more peaceful. Students who take part in projects become Peace Pals. During the launch of this group last year the Mayors of Waitakere, Christchurch and Hiroshima spoke to students via an online video presentation. The Mayors encouraged and challenged the students to come up with collaborative projects between the different countries.

As a result of this challenge the students from Kaiapoi Borough School created the following project – Peace Pals Banner for World Peace.

## Project Description – Peace Pals Banner for World Peace

What the students from Kaiapoi Borough School hope is that a banner about peace is created that other students could contribute to from across New Zealand and eventually from around the world! They believe that children have a lot to say about peace in the world and this group would like it recorded on the Banner for World Peace. It is their wish to make the biggest banner possible by sending it as far and wide as they can!

Through consultation this group of children have determined that each panel should measure 1100 x 1100 of unbleached calico. Students can choose how they would like illustrate the panel and record their peace message via painting, drawing, writing or stitching, etc.. This group would also like every student who participates in the creation of the panel to create a border around the edge using their handprint and recording their name on their handprint.

Once the panel is complete schools are asked to forward the panel to

\_\_\_\_\_ along with a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation to help pay for backing of the panel onto the banner.

## How can my class/school become part of this project?

If you are interested in becoming part of the Peace Banner Project please contact \_\_\_\_\_ to register your interest or discuss any questions you may have.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL STUDENT DRIVEN PROJECT!**  
Please give your students the chance to be a part of making the  
Biggest Peace Banner the world has ever seen!

## Links with Key Competencies

This project links well with all the Key Competencies identified in the New Zealand Curriculum.

### Thinking

- using creative, critical and metacognitive processes to make sense of information, experiences and ideas.

### Using Language Symbols and Text

- working with and making meaning of the codes in which knowledge is expressed.

### Managing Self

- associated with self motivation, a can do attitude.
- students who manage themselves are enterprising, resourceful, reliable and resilient
- they establish personal goals, make plans, manage projects and set challenges.

### Relating to Other

- interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts.
- ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, negotiate, and share ideas
- by working together students can come up with new approaches, ideas, and ways of thinking.

### Participating and Contributing

- is about being actively involved in communities
- they may be drawn together for purposes such as learning, work, celebration, or recreation at a local, national or global level.
- includes a capacity to contribute appropriately as a group member, to make connections with others, and create opportunities for others in the group.
- students who participate and contribute in communities have a sense of belonging and confidence to participate in new contexts.
- students develop an understanding of the importance of balancing rights, roles and responsibilities and of contributing to the quality and sustainability of social, cultural, physical and economic environments.

## Links with other Curriculum Areas

This project has clear links with a number of curriculum areas ranging from English, Social Studies, Technology, Maths, etc.. The Peace Banner Project also can explore ICT opportunities with discussing and sharing project progress with other schools across New Zealand and hopefully around the world!

Dear Vivienne,

Hi!!! This letter is from Harrison, Jarred, Kayla, James, Taigen, Tresha, Laura, Rebecca, Jessica, Shelby and Sarah, Peace Pals at Kaiapoi Borough School.

We have got this really cool idea we want One People One Planet to make into a peace pals project. We want to involve as many schools as possible from New Zealand and from all around the world too.

The mayors of Hiroshima and Waitakere said in their speeches that they want to see projects between different countries, so let's start it off with this one.

peace pals banner for world peace

We want to put together a banner that other kids can contribute to, and we want to send it all round the world.

Kids have got a lot to say about peace in the world—you just have to ask them—and we want them to say it on our banner. We want it to be the biggest ever and we want to send it as far and as wide as we can.

We think it would be really cool if our peace pals at Kaiapoi Borough School, are the project leaders and work direct with you and with our teacher Jenny Sinclair to make it happen. But to start it off, we would like to get as many schools involved as possible and to make it easier, we think we have decided on one panel per class with as many classes at each school as want to be involved with us with our peace project, cos the more panels we get the longer it will be!

We have talked to our soft materials teacher and we have planned this out carefully. We want each panel to measure 1100 x 1100 and the kids can choose how they want to illustrate it with painting or drawing, writing or stitching, or whatever they want to do onto unbleached calico. We have chosen this material because it is environmentally friendly and it will be the material for both the front and the backing. Our soft materials teacher, Mrs Madden has worked out that the backing will have to be one long continuous length so we were wondering about getting the schools, who want to get involved with our banner, to send an amount of money with every panel as a donation towards the cost of the backing. The money could go straight into an account and Mrs Madden said they could buy the material in bulk. Unless you've got a better idea?

The idea of the banner is that this will be like the kids' voice for peace from all over the world, so we want every kid to write or paint or draw or stitch something that matters to them most about peace, like...

"imagine if you could tell people how you feel about the world and what fighting and war is doing to people"

"it's about promoting a sustainable planet and keeping our planet safe for our generation"

"it should be about sending a message of peace and caring for all people and for the planet"

"letting the adults know that we do care about our world"

"equity for all people everywhere"

"and safety and rights for kids"

We want to put a big lp/p logo right in the centre of the banner, and peace pals logo too. We were thinking of choosing a number that means something, like 27 for how long Nelson Mandela was in jail, and put peace pals logo every what ever that number is? We are doing some more research on finding this special number but maybe you have a number that the whole world needs to know about.

We want every kid that participates in the creation of the panel to put their handprint with their name written on it, as a border around the edge. Can we please work with you on this and give the kids of the world the chance to make the biggest peace banner the world has ever seen?

Please...Please...Please!!! from all your peace pals at Kaiapoi Borough School