

# Introducing the Key Competencies

Beach Haven Primary School

# What are the Key Competencies?

The New Zealand Curriculum states...

*“Capable kids: Working with the key competencies”*

We all want to help our **children** to become **capable learners, ready and willing to tackle lots of different things in life**. Schools want that too. Teachers spend a lot of time working to build students' knowledge and skills in subjects such as Maths and English but they also try to **develop children's capabilities**.

In the New Zealand Curriculum these are called the **key competencies**.

# Five Key Competencies are...

Managing Self

Thinking

Participating and Contributing

Relating to others

Language, symbols and text



# Managing Self

At School: ***I can do this all by myself...***

- Get myself ready for the day
- Go to Early Morning Reading independently
- Move away from distractions
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At home: ***I can do this all by myself...***

- Brush my teeth
- Get dressed
- Have breakfast
- Pack my bag



# Participating and Contributing

At school ***I can do this all by myself...***

- Sharing my ideas with others
- Listening
- Asking questions
- Showing good sportsmanship

At home ***I can do this all by myself...***

- Talking to my family about my day
- Listening to what others have to say
- Joining in with family events



# Relating to others

At school *I can do these all by myself...*

- Active listening
- Helping each other
- Asking questions

At home *I can do these all by myself...*

- Using my manners
- Being caring and kind to my siblings
- Following the rules



# Thinking

At school ***I can do these all by myself...***

- I wonder....
- What do I know already?
- Making sensible decisions

At home ***I can do these all by myself...***

- Making sensible decisions
- Asking questions
- Problem solving



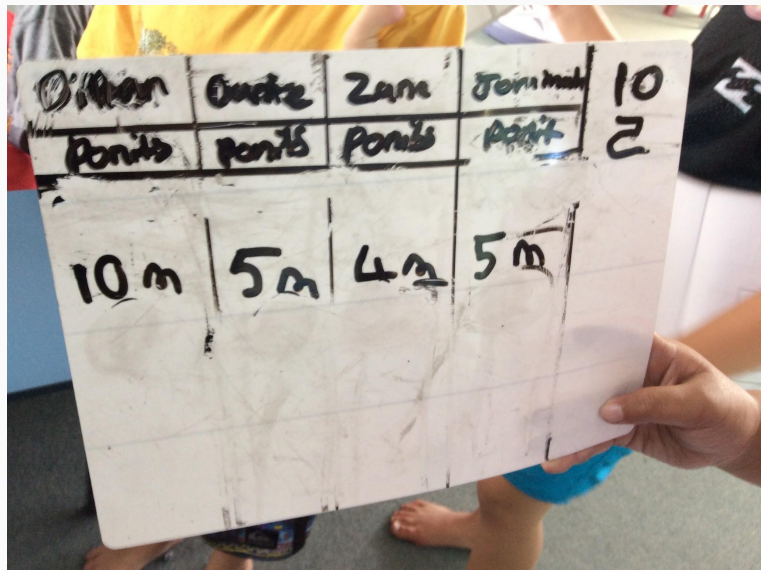
# Language, symbols and texts

At school ***I can do these all by myself...***

- Using words to share ideas
- Talking to one another
- Drawing a picture to communicate ideas
- Solving maths problems

At home ***I can do these all by myself...***

- Going shopping ( \$ )
- Solving maths problems
- Using a recipe to plan a meal





# How do they help my child?

- They instil lifelong learners
- Holistic approach - who you are as an individual; evolving as a person
- Building on skills to use in real life situations e.g. workforce
- Being part of society - Global citizenship
- Thinking for themselves and making informed decisions



# Why do we need them?

**'Soft skills' are what the 21st Century employers are looking for:**

- Being reliable
- Thinking for yourself and problem solving
- Working with others and having social skills
- Being a hard/diligent worker
- Making sensible decisions and using initiative
- Perseverance
- Resilience



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