

# What's the Red Beach School Vision All About?

*Jonah and Lucy explain...*

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# Empowered



At Red Beach School we believe empowered children have the self belief, desire, ability and determination that allow them to accomplish greatness in their lifetimes.

# Community



"Did you know Lucy we are all part of a community? Take a look. It's like these beautiful shells grouped together. See each one is unique. Some are small - younger, large - older, some are worn and wise, others shiny, new and eager. To be part of a community we must support, respect and care for one another". "Jonah I guess that's what our Red Beach School hearts help remind us to do."

"You belong to all sorts of different communities Lucy. Your class at school, the netball team, in fact, this whole school is a community too."

"It's all starting to make sense to me now Jonah. I've heard people say that your best learning and growth can happen when you belong to a team or community and learn meaningfully together."

# Life Long Learner



*Questions*

*Takes Risks*

*Sets Goals/Plans*

*Makes Connections*

*Self Motivates*

*Perseveres*

*Reflects*

"Each one of these shells is a life long learner just like you and me Lucy.

Being a learner ready and willing to continue to learn throughout life is where it's at!"

"Jonah what do you do as a learner when you are stuck and don't know what to do?"

"That's a great question, Lucy. I think it's about having to continually build on these qualities".

"We are all capable of becoming, successful life long learners.

"I guess from what you're saying, Jonah, it's down to believing in ourselves as learners and giving our best."

# Achieve

A colorful illustration of two children sitting on a large, thick, reddish-brown tree branch. The child on the left is a boy with dark hair, wearing an orange tank top and purple shorts, with his arms outstretched. The child on the right is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a red t-shirt and white shorts, sitting cross-legged. The background consists of several large, rounded green trees against a light blue sky. The overall style is soft and painterly.

"Did you know, Lucy, this pohutukawa tree is over 200 years old. It sure has been growing a long time and it continues to reach for the sky.

"Hey, Lucy, that reminds me of our Red Beach School heart 'Reach for your best and beyond.'"

"What does that mean Jonah?"

"It's about achieving, knowing what your strengths and weaknesses are then setting goals that really focus on the areas that you need to build on.

It isn't easy. It takes commitment, practice, time and lots of energy. When you get serious and down to it, you really start achieving.

"I've found, Lucy, that it sure is worth it - it feels unbelievable, so satisfying when you achieve your goals."

# Make a Difference



"Hey, Jonah, don't you think it's important to know why we learn all this stuff at school?"

"Yes, Lucy, it's really important for everyone to ask WHY? If there's no good reason then we shouldn't be learning it.

If what we learn makes a difference to us, we can then make a difference to others and the world we live in."

*If there's no good reason then WHY are we learning it?*

"I'm feeling so excited about the future Jonah."

"Great! The more you live..., question..., wonder..., think, the more EMPOWERED you feel and the MORE YOU WANT TO LEARN!!!"