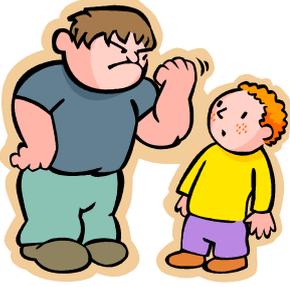


The Consequences Of Bullying



A Teacher in New York was teaching her class about bullying and gave them the following exercise to perform.

She had the children take a piece of paper and told them to:

- crumple it up,
- stamp on it
- really mess it up,
- but do not rip it.

Then she had them:

- unfold the paper,
- smooth it out
- and look at how scarred and dirty it was.

She told them to tell it they're sorry.

Now even though they said they were sorry and tried to fix the paper, she pointed out all the scars they left behind. And those scars will never go away no matter how hard they tried to fix it.

That is what happens when a child bullies another child - they may say they're sorry, but the scars are there for ever.

The looks on the faces of the children told her that the message had hit home.

Cockle Bay Scouts Friday Night Hike

We hiked from Kawakawa Bay starting at 8.00pm, to go to Tawhitakino Reserve which can only be reached at low tide and arrived at just after 9.00pm.

Everyone pitched their tents, except the two who decided to dispense with such luxuries in favour of taking just a survival bag! After a while sitting around the fire, the Scouts drifted off to bed by around midnight.

Everyone got a shock when they woke at dawn to find their tents covered in ice and frost on the grass, well everyone except the two in the survival bags, as they had been only too well aware of just how cold it had been during the night!



We packed up and left as the sun came up over the Coromandel, and were back home in Cockle Bay by 9.00am, in time for those with sports commitments to go and play.

I think we managed to pick the coldest night so far this year and according to my phone, at 6am this morning the temperature was -1 degrees at Tawhitakino. *Steve Graham VL*