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Positive behaviour for learning

By Rhiannon McConnell
Wainuiomata High School has signed up for a Ministry of Education initiative aimed at creating a more positive learning environment.

Teacher Lauren Tauveli says Positive Behaviour for Learning involves making the teachers and students all aware of the school values and how to live them.

“It is all about teaching kids to do what you want and praising them for doing what you want rather than just saying ‘don’t do that anymore, stop

it, stop it.”

Lauren says Wainuiomata Intermediate have used the initiative for a few years with a lot of success.

While it is too early in the year to see any impact Lauren is confident they will notice a change.

“I hope that we get a more positive school environment where people are showing more respect... and where kids are looking to do the right thing and teachers are looking to praise people for the good stuff.”