

## KiwiSport Funding Gets Waitara Kids Moving

The cost of sport is often a real barrier for many families. KiwiSport funding, through Sport Taranaki, can help to reduce those costs and give kids opportunities to give things go.

Earlier this year Waitara Gymnastics ran a Kiwisport funded programme for local kids. The 10 week programme gave 14 primary school kids the chance to learn all about gymnastics.

Over the 10 weeks the children learnt fundamental movement skills, including balance, strength and coordination in lots of fun and challenging ways.

“The energy and excitement during the sessions was infectious” says Terry Long, KiwiSport Administrator. “We have had great feedback from the parents and the kids. The kids love it, and the mums, dads and the grandparents all get involved.”

The kids came away with greater confidence and physical competency that they can now use in so many others sports in the future.

“They have these skills now for life” says Long.



KiwiSport is a government funded initiative, managed by Sport Taranaki to promote sport for school-aged children years 1-13 and aims to:

- Increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport.
- Increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children.
- Support children to develop skills that enable them to participate confidently in sport.

For more information and/or an application form please visit: [www.sporttaranaki.org.nz](http://www.sporttaranaki.org.nz) or call the KiwiSport Administrator Terry Long on 0800 ACTIVE.