



Real work



Harrison I watched you today busy at work. It was the coldest day of the year today and this meant that there was a huge piece of ice that was formed on the concrete. The ice was typically slippery to walk on and some of the children had slipped. Anita was with you as you worked hard on cracking the ice making sure everyone was safe. You explained to me that you were cracking the ice so your friends would be safe. How kind and considerate of you to think of others Harrison.

This was very busy work that took time and persistence as you methodically cracked the ice and raked it off the top into the gutter. This process did take some trial and error thinking as you experimented with the different tools to complete the job. What a great way keep your body warm, fit and healthy. I wonder if this hard work ethic is something you see modelled at home on the farm - I am sure it is.

What was happening here?

Harrison through this real work you were learning to work collaboratively in a team of workers to get a very important job done. Real work is something that is very familiar to you Harrison through life on the farm. Achieving the goal of cracking the ice and making the outdoor area safe was very empowering for you as you were the instigator and completer of the task - you were in control of your own learning. Harrison's your focused attention on fulfilling your goal showed me that you view yourself as a capable, and confident learner. Viewing yourself as a capable learner is a wonderful mindset to have as it allows you to think of what is possible through determination and grit. When you succeed through determination in the goals you set yourself it helps you to raise your gaze to more challenges.

Opportunities and possibilities.

Harrison we will continue to think of ways that everyone can take responsibility of caring for our environment and friends. By doing this you are creating a deeper sense of belonging to the Country Kidz centre and increasing your sense of tino rangatiratanga/self determination as you make the choices about being a good kaitiaki of our centre and kind friend to those around you. Having choices such as taking the trickier path, helping, working alongside your friends, having your own working theory about situations and being able to test these theories will all help to build your sense of being a capable and confident learner.

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