



Jack spreads a healthy message



Carterton School pupils got their first glimpse at the regional mascot they named, when Jack the Kaka pounced on to the hall stage.

The sprightly kaka, flanked by two other dancing feathered mascots, is the face of the Greater Wellington Regional Council's School Travel Plan, which aims to improve children's health and safety

on the journey to school. Principal Alison Woollard said the name Jack, given by Room 10, was chosen over 50 other entries.

At the special assembly the plan's message was hammered home by speakers including champion athlete Melissa Moon, Carterton Mayor Gary McPhee, police constable Nathan Couch

and plan co-ordinator Sam Winslow. Ms Woollard said the school would be "formalising" the plan next year and looking at how many pupils walked or cycled to school.

"It's about being healthy, active and safe on the trip to and from school. We'll be working with the councils not just for the children, but for the whole community."