

## SportStart Testimonials – From School Staff

“I think SportStart is great and it's all there! The children have really enjoyed the games we have played and very quickly improved their skills.” *Jo, Thorrington Primary School*

“I love the organisation of SportStart, which is easy to use and practical to have in front of you while you're teaching. I've mostly done the fitness activities. About six of the games have formed the basis of my daily fitness programme this year. The kids love it and really enjoy our class fitness. It's great for getting them to work together. I have appreciated the PD afternoon sessions too.” *Miranda, Thorrington Primary School*

“I think it is great; I like the skills focus over competition and the 'everybody active' focus. The planning folder and online resource is excellent.” *Carl, Thorrington Primary School*

“I've really enjoyed the programme. Feedback from my class regarding SportStart has been great; kids love the games - huge variety. I've also noticed an improvement in the children even in the really simple things (eg not crashing into others while playing the warm up activities), and in the fair play and self management that is going on throughout the games. Even the really competent athletes really enjoy it and are learning new skills.” *Gillian*

“I have found the SportStart programme easy to use and understand. It lends itself well to adapt the games many different ways. All the kids are keen to get outside and do P.E./sport now, not just some. They are all involved. You can quickly change the pace according to the level of where the kids are. Very easy for a reliever to pick up and run with as well.” *Tirina, Thorrington Primary School*

“I have found the SportStart resource easy to follow and fantastic to use. This is providing my students with the beginning skills they require to become able sports people. It is also a good resource for motor skills in younger children. The on-site modelling has been well done and welcomed greatly by myself and the students I teach.” *St Josephs (South Canterbury) staff member*

“The Planning tool has supported implementation across the whole school. The cards and unit plans are easy to follow. The support provided by Jon to model and help the course come to life in the school has been invaluable. Without this teachers who are less confident would have defaulted back to what they have always done.” *Rolleston Primary School staff member*

“SportStart has given our staff confidence in knowing that they can pick up the resource and implement a PE programme. It is a one stop shop! We have taken the SportStart planning model and made it our own so it fits our school. This has taken stress away from our teachers by providing a planning framework at each level. Teachers can take the template, find the appropriate activities and deliver their programme. It has taken all the work away from PE. Our KiwiSport Coordinator has also had the training and uses this resource, which means our PE and KiwiSport programmes complement each other.” *Pleasant Point Primary School staff member*