

Good cause for chocolate fish

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A trio of schoolchildren have banded together to raise money for cystic fibrosis sufferers.


Jack Stevens, 9, inspired by his older brother who lives with the rare condition, led the effort with his two best friends Jack Adams, 10, and Beau Swift, 9.

The Bayswater Primary School boys raised \$271.20 for the Cystic Fibrosis Association of New Zealand by selling chocolate fish to their peers over four days.

"We chose chocolate fish because CF stands for cystic fibrosis as well," Jack Adams says.

Principal Lindsay Child says the boys demonstrated great leadership in line with the lessons they have learnt from past pupil the late Sir Peter Blake.

The fundraising effort coincided with the cystic fibrosis association's Bubbles Week from August 15 to 21 to raise awareness, recognition and understanding of the disorder.

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Jack Stevens made a presentation at a school assembly to educate his fellow students about his brother Sam's daily struggle with cystic fibrosis.

"He has to take up to 30 pills a day which ends up clogging his lungs.

"He then has to get physio all the time to clear them," Jack says.

"There's no cure for it, so we wanted to help people like my brother," Jack says.

The association says cystic fibrosis affects more than 500 people in New Zealand.

But because the condition is classified as a "rare disorder" it often misses out on much-needed government funding.



Kids in action: From left: Beau Swift, Jack Stevens and Jack Adams teamed up to raise money and awareness for cystic fibrosis.

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