

Feedback from Sharee Seymour 8 May 2008

Greymouth from the "My Name Is" Workshops with Students

Thank-you, I really enjoyed talking to the children. But starting off by introducing myself, 35 pairs of eager eyes looking at me I did freak out a little.

It was fantastic to talk to the young ones, so we can establish to them on not judging a book by it's cover, at a young age. No child is born having any hang-ups or stereo typing abilities to people, so it was great to be able to help them learn before society had made them change. The children were also keen to learn, which was a plus. The feed back was awesome. Some of the older children read the story that I had written about the car accident I was in, and they had no problem asking me questions about the story.

This Our Stories was an absolutley FANTASTIC idea. The saying is something good may happen when something bad happens. I feel I have changed some views that children had. The fact I may have changed some of the childrens thoughts, so they can accept all that maybe not the same as everything else. It made me proud :-)

I'm often in town here in Westport, and when I see children with an adult I ask do they mind if I talk to them about the saftey of seat-belts and bike helmets. They adhear to my warnings really well as they can see the eveidence, my wheel-chair.

Many thanks for this chance to have my story heard. Sharee Seymour