

Press release

## Sweet in so many ways

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OK, so we know chocolate is not on the allowed list. But all things in moderation and when children are in hospital, a little treat goes a long way.

Laura Meijer works for Lee Malneek and when her son Brody (8) said he had some chocolate to sell for a school fundraiser, Lee took the opportunity to chat to Brody about kindness, and the great work our nurses do for sad, sick children in hospital. Brody agreed that giving away the chocolate to say thank you to the nurses and cheer up the children would be a good thing to do. So Lee bought five boxes, and donated them back to Brody, who brought three of them into Wairarapa Hospital to gift one each to Acute Services, Paediatrics and to Maternity. The other two were donated to a Rest Home.

Brody said he was very proud of himself and it felt good to give the chocolate away. Cousin Roman (6) thought it was a very cool thing to do.

"I hope (the chocolate) makes the children here be happy and the Nurses be happy too, because they work very hard and they probably need cheering up too," said Brody.

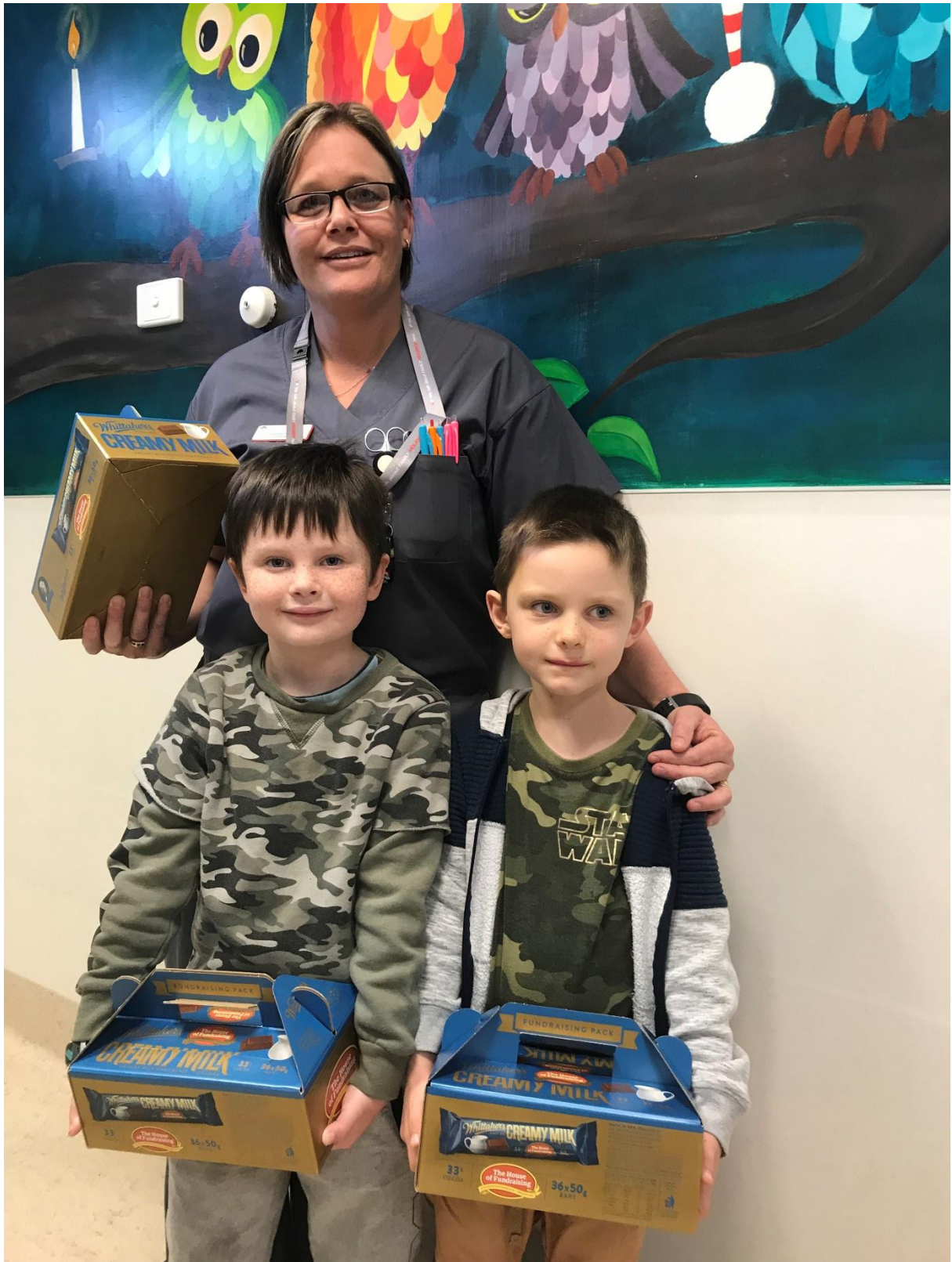
"He (Lee) spoils me, but I said thank you and my Teacher helped me write him a letter to say thank you as well," said Brody.

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**Photo follows**



*Photo: Brody (left) and Roman (right) with Acute Nurse, Haley Williamson, and the donated chocolate*