

My Interview with Mr Neill Livingstone!

I had an interview with Mr Livingstone for a school project on which we aspire to be like and it was so interesting that I decided to do my black belt thesis on him!

Mr Neill Livingstone was born on the 30th of December 1962 in Eindhoven, Holland but lived in Ireland for most of his childhood.

Mr Livingstone went to Orange field Boys High School (in Ireland), He and his family moved to New Zealand on the 4th of July 1982.

He got a job qualification in welding and worked at Waitara valley, Motunui, Marsden point, (Petro chemical and oil refineries). He later on became a postman because it fitted in with Taekwon Do, (Taekwon Do is his 1st passion) he told me.

Mr Livingstone has one brother who lives in Ireland and one sister living in New Plymouth also his parents both live in New Plymouth. He has four children, two in Tauranga, one in Auckland and one in New Plymouth.

Some of Mr Livingstone's outside interests are Music, Cycling, PS3, building websites and DIY around the home.

Mr Livingstone started Taekwon Do in October 1987, he was always interested in martial arts but there were not many in Ireland. He played soccer when he was younger but got sick of it and wanted to do something else. While living in Tauranga he saw an advertisement about Taekwon Do close to where he lived. He joined and was instantly hooked. He trained 2-3hours a day. He decided to instruct because his instructor (Master Rimmer) was away a lot so he would take the class and enjoyed it, so he kept going with it." The more people I can teach the more people's lives I can change!"

Mr Livingstone told me. He kept going with Taekwon Do because he liked to instruct, it helped him at life in general and he liked the idea of protecting himself, not being afraid of anyone- (Confident).

Mr Livingstone's Greatest Taekwon Do accomplishment is the success of Taranaki Taekwon Do club and its unique environment.

Mr Livingstone's highlight of his Taekwon Do career is every time someone he's taught grades to a higher belt.

Mr Livingstone is an awesome instructor and martial artist and I hope I can be as good as him one day.

Mr Livingstone's favourite quote. "Lead, follow or get left behind! "

By Jay Dicker!