

## Waimea Community of Learners Waimea Kāhui Ako

### May 2018 update from the Waimea CoL/ Kāhui Ako (for BOTs, staff and communities)

#### **Our Themes**

Building relationships, Well-being, Culturally Responsive Practice, Transitions, Digital Fluency

#### **Our Achievement Challenges**

1. To improve achievement in writing for boys in Years 1-10
2. To reduce the gap between the achievement of males and females at NCEA Years 11-13
3. To improve the educational outcomes for Māori students in Years 1-13

#### **What have we been doing? Read on...**

##### **Centrally funded PLD**

Our application for centrally funded PLD was successful. We have been given 600 hours of Professional Learning and Development funded by the Ministry of Education, with an additional 400 hours committed by our schools. We have committed 172 hours of the centrally funded component to a leadership coaching and mentoring programme contracted to CORE Education <https://core-ed.org/about-core/our-team/expert-partners/nick-major> and delivered by Nick Major (ex principal from Christchurch and also working locally with one other COL). We have also made a commitment to introducing a cultural responsiveness programme called Poutama Pounamu <https://poutamapounamu.org.nz/elearning/about> from University of Waikato. We will trial this programme with 6 participants this year with a view to scaling it up in 2019 if we consider it is suitable. This commits a further 150 hours of our allocated PLD. Further initiatives will be developed as needs become apparent.

##### **Leadership Activity**

Peter represented the at the Minister's Education Conversation hui in Christchurch on 5-6 May. 800 people attended the hui to discuss the future of education in New Zealand. John, Graham Avery and three of the across schools lead teachers will attend a Kāhui Ako hui in Wellington on 31 May.

##### **Across-school Lead Teachers**

Our across school team continues to meet weekly and are developing their allocated themes. Work around the themes includes:

- Transition surveys of ECE and new entrant teachers, and working with Waimea Intermediate on Year 6-7 transition information.
- Digital Fluency: developing a survey to gauge areas of strength and development across Kāhui Ako schools.
- Building Relationships and Well-being: organising and running a seminar on Mindfulness using Waimea College Staff. A full quota of 60 teachers have been booked to do this seminar, and future seminars may be held if there is further interest.
- Cultural Responsiveness: introducing Poutama Pounamu.

##### Our Across School lead teacher team

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The across school team has assigned leader roles for each of our emerging themes. They are:

Andrew	Building Relationships
Gus	Wellbeing
Sarah	Culturally Responsive Practice
Janine	Digital Fluency
Glenda	Transitions

### Within School Lead Teachers

Across Schools lead teachers will run a workshop for all within school lead teachers on Monday 18 June 3.30-4.30pm at Garin College library. The purposes of this workshop are to:

- Update within school teachers on all the activities that are happening in the Kāhui Ako in an informative way.
- Ensure all within school teachers understand the 5 Waimea Kāhui Ako themes and an opportunity to consider how their inquiry will connect with the theme(s) and the opportunities to collaborate.
- Identify challenges, successes and support required for the WS people
- Getting to know Across School Point of Contact.

The 'point of contact' arrangement is for each across schools lead teacher to be a key contact and support for a group of within schools lead teachers. We intend that this will strengthen the relationships among these two key teams and increase the presence of the across schools team in the Kāhui Ako schools, and provide another point of contact for principals.

### Leadership Recruitment

In term three we will run an appointment process for new Kāhui Ako leadership, to work alongside Peter and John in Term Four in order to take up the role from the start of 2019.

### Financial

A quarterly financial report detailing all activities was tabled and accepted at a meeting of principals at their meeting in mid-May. The report is available on request to John or Peter.

### Kāhui Ako Website

A reminder that our Waimea Kāhui Ako website contains lots of useful information and is regularly updated. It includes all of the monthly newsletters to our stakeholders. Thanks to Janine Higgins for creating and managing the site [www.waimeacol.org](http://www.waimeacol.org). The website is proving popular, with around 500 views to date and growing. Most viewers spend time on the resources page and we encourage all Kāhui Ako members to use this excellent resource.

Thanks for your commitment to supporting the achievement of our students across the Waimea Kāhui Ako. ***Principals, please ensure this update is circulated as widely as possible.***

Please contact us at any time for more information.

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