

Waimea Community of Learners

Waimea Kāhui Ako

May 2017 update from the Waimea CoL (for BOTs, staff and communities)

Currently we are working on finalising the achievement challenge for our Community of Learners/ Kāhui Ako. Our three identified achievement challenges to date are:

- To improve achievement in writing for boys in years 1-10
- To reduce the gap between male and female students at NCEA Years 11-13
- To improve the outcomes for Māori students

Our expert partner, Dr Camilla Highfield from the University of Auckland, has provided us with assistance in getting to this point and has peer reviewed the earlier drafts of the achievement challenge material.

Many of you will be aware that the Education Act has been updated and the following link along with the attachment highlight key changes related to Community of Learners/ Kāhui Ako <https://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/legislation/the-education-update-amendment-act/>

We are hoping to get the first draft of the Achievement Challenge in to the local Ministry of Education by the end of this month in order for us to meet our timelines. We have made contact with Nelson Kindergarten Association and will be meeting with their education advisor later this month in order to strengthen our relationship with the early childhood sector.

Peter and myself will attend the Top of the South leaders hui on June 15th and 16th along with leaders from other Communities of Learning/ Kāhui Ako in the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast regions.

A big thanks to you all for providing us with the information when requested and supporting the development of the achievement challenge.

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