

Waimea Community of Learners

Waimea Kāhui Ako

November 2017 update from the Waimea CoL/ Kāhui Ako (for BOTs, staff and communities)

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

Across-school and within-school lead teachers

As of the end of October we have made the following appointments to the across schools lead teacher team:

Gus Shirley	Waimea College
Andrew Ricciardi	Waimea College
Sarah Rankin	Garin College
Janine Higgins	Waimea Intermediate
Glenda Earle	Brightwater School

We believe this team is an excellent mix of skills, experiences and personalities to take forward our work on the Kāhui Ako achievement challenges. We recognise an imbalance in the team with having only one primary teacher and we reserve the one remaining across school role for a second primary rep. ***If you have a teacher at the year 0-6 level that you consider is suitable for the remaining Across School position please make contact with us as we will seek to fill this position in 2018.***

We have planned three days in term four to work with the across schools team; two of these will be with our expert partner, Camilla Highfield. We will focus on induction and training activities for the team, getting to grips with the achievement challenges and preparing for the Kāhui Ako professional development day on 5 February 2018.

Schools are encouraged to appoint their within school roles now. Use the Novopay 16c form to apply for staffing once your appointments have been made. We have arranged a meeting with the across schools and within schools teams on **Tuesday 5 December, 1-4pm**. This meeting will be led by Camilla Highfield.

Resourcing

At our previous principals meeting we made the proposal to consolidate the inquiry time funding into a single pooled resource of 1.59FTTE. Our suggestion is that this may offer greater benefit to the Kāhui Ako, allowing us to employ additional specialist staff to work across all schools in support of the across schools and within school lead teachers. This proposal is still on the table and we intend to reconsider it in 2018.

Leadership Roles

The Kāhui Ako has agreed to extend John and Peter's leadership tenure to the end of 2018.

Engaging with ECE sector

Craig Vercoe is attending our monthly principals meetings and giving useful insights into how the Kāhui Ako can work with ECE providers. We will do more work on this relationship shortly.

Kāhui Ako leaders' contacts

Most local Kāhui Ako leaders attended the Nelson Principals Association conference at Lake Rotoiti 26-27 October and took the opportunity to share experiences and ideas.

Kāhui Ako Professional Learning Day

Please continue to promote the Kāhui Ako professional learning day to be held on **Monday 5 February 2018**. The venue for the day will be Hope Community Church. Our guest speakers are **Nathan Mikaere-Wallace**, who will talk about brain development and transitions, and **Marcus Akuhata-Brown**, who will focus on cultural responsiveness. Part of the day will be workshops led by across schools and within schools lead teachers. Make sure your community knows your school will be closed on that day. Thanks to Graham Avery and Dave Sampson for organising this event.

Upcoming meetings

Monday 13 November, all day. John and Peter working with Camilla Highfield

Wednesday 15 November, 1.30-3.00pm, principals meeting, Henley School

Monday 20 November, all day. John and Peter working with across schools team

Thursday 23 and Monday 27 November, all day. Across schools team working with Camilla Highfield

Tuesday 5 December, 1-4pm, across schools and within schools teams working with Camilla.

A meeting of the stewardship group will be held in the next fortnight.

Thanks for your commitment to supporting the achievement of our students across the Waimea COL/Kāhui Ako. Please contact us at any time for more information.

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