

# Waimea Community of Learners

## Waimea Kāhui Ako

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

Our achievement challenge is in its final stages with a draft having been sent to the Ministry of Education. We will then await endorsement from the Minister. Our broad goals for our Kāhui Ako are as follows:

- 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 next piece of work is to identify the type of personnel we will need to appoint for the across school leadership positions (of which we have 5 appointments to make). We are currently seeking feedback as to the type of appointments we make to best meet the achievement challenges identified above.

Some of you may have seen the following article on Community of Learners leadership. Full credit to the Ministry of Education for recognising the challenges that taking on being a full time lead principal presents for many communities <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/92917033/fiordland-and-northern-southland-community-of-learning-uniquely-different>

Peter and myself will attend the Top of the South leaders hui on next week, along with leaders from other Communities of Learning/ Kāhui Ako in the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast regions. ERO are presenting a workshop on resources available for Communities of Learners and we will also have a chance to explore some of the MOE tools that support us.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> we will present at a Waimea College staff meeting and cover off the development of the CoL/Kāhui Ako to date and our next steps along with the process for the appointment of positions for 2018. We would like the opportunity to present the work of the CoL/Kāhui Ako to all schools and encourage principals and Boards to plan a time when we can speak at a Board or staff meeting.

Thanks for your continued support.

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