



Focusing on:

Hauora

Culturally Responsive
Practice

Transitions

Digital Fluency

To raise achievement for all students and address our achievement challenges

September 2019

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Farewell - Brenda Ellis - Salisbury School

Our best wishes are extended to Brenda Ellis, Principal of Salisbury School, who has been appointed to the position of Education Consultant & Learning Support Specialist for Evaluation Associates, based in Wellington. We appreciate Brenda's contribution to teaching and learning within our community. Alison McAlpine will be the relieving Principal in Term 4 and we welcome Alison to our Kāhui Ako.

Across School Teacher Positions

Congratulations to Gus Shirley (Waimea College), Sarah Rankin (Garin College) and Andrew Ricciardi (Waimea College) for being appointed to the Across School Teacher positions for 2020-2021.

Thank you to Justine McDonald and Peter Verstappen for leading the appointment process and also to Graeme McCann (National Advisory Panel) for his contribution to ensure candidates met the required criteria.

We look forward to continuing to work with the AST team to support student engagement and achievement across our community.

Connect Week - Term 3

Thank you to all of those people who lead a workshop throughout our Connect Week this term. A variety of opportunities were offered and we have had some excellent feedback relating to these. Thanks to everyone who supported our connect week. We had over 400 registrations with many teachers opting for more than one session. Thank you also to a number of ECE teachers who attended various sessions. It was great to be able to include your centres in our professional learning opportunities and great to have you on board with us. Some resources shared by presenters are on the website and linked here: [Connect Week Resources](#)

Quick Links

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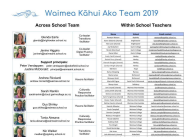
Vision



Strategic Plan



CoL Team



2019 Dates



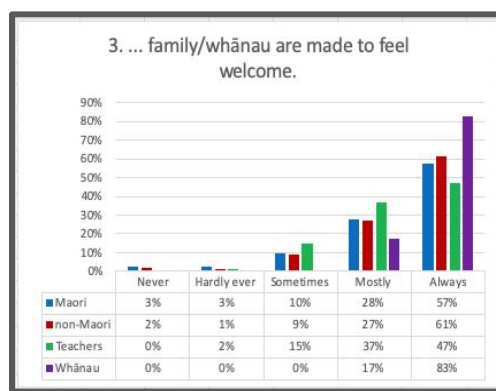
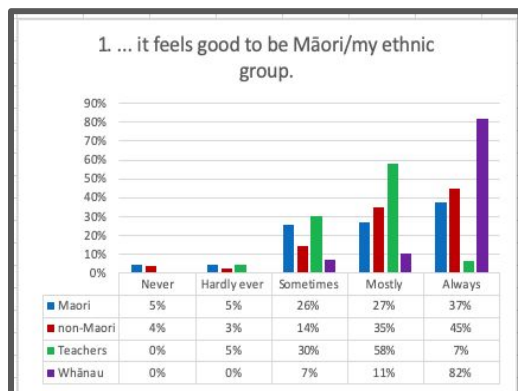
Cultural Relationships For Responsive Pedagogy Survey

Thank you to all our schools for supporting the Cultural Relationships For Responsive Pedagogy survey.

The survey was completed by a total of 1335 students across the Waimea Kāhui Ako (the vast majority in years 5-10) of which 12% identify as Māori in June and July, 2019.

The survey was completed by 218 teachers - 51% of these were from college teachers (this would be expected given the varying sizes of our schools).

For most of the questions the Māori and non-Māori students responded similarly (when aggregating the **Mostly** and **Always** figures). The biggest differences in perceptions of the effectiveness of teaching were between students and teachers.



A link to a summary of results can be found on our website. Direct link here: [survey summary](#). Each school also has their own individual survey results.

Strategic Review 2019

This term we met with Principals and the Across School team to review our mahi to data. We used MOE data, surveys and the mahi of individual schools to celebrate how far we have come. We used this information to refocus our goals and strategic plan. We have a strong mandate moving forward with a clear direction for our on-going focus. Our strategic review, highlighting our journey and strategic direction, is linked here: [Strategic Review 2019](#)

Stewardship Group

Stewardship Groups are the kaitiaki/guardians of the Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako. They have oversight of the vision, progress against the achievement challenges and the growth and development of the Kāhui Ako, on behalf of the Kāhui Ako and its wider community. The Stewardship Group helps to build and foster collaboration beyond the individual members of the Community of Learning reaching further into the local, regional and possibly global community to support achieving the vision.

This term we are revising the stewardship group guidelines. With changes in personnel as a result of recent Board of Trustees elections we will be asking for representatives to form this group.

Best wishes for the school holiday break,
Glenda Earle and Janine Higgins
Waimea Kāhui Ako co-leaders