

Waimea Community of Learners

Waimea Kāhui Ako

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

Our Emerging 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...

Application for centrally funded PLD

We recently applied for 600 hours of Professional Learning and Development - funded by the Ministry of Education, with an additional 400 hours committed by our schools. We are pleased to advise that this application was approved, and it will be used to support initiatives that help us meet our achievement challenges and the emerging themes identified above. Our next step is to identify the most appropriate providers that can help us with addressing our themes and challenges across the Kāhui Ako.

Engaging with the RTL B service

Our Kāhui Ako leaders and Across School team met recently with Lyn Evans (Manager of Nelson Bays Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) and some of her team to hear about how they may be able to better support the work in our Community of Learners – particularly in relation to the emerging themes that we have.

Across-school lead teachers

Our across school team meets weekly and between meetings the team are working on a variety of tasks. Over the last month they have visited all schools to meet with principals and staff, and work with the within school lead teachers. Next week the Across School lead teachers will be working with our expert partner from the University of Auckland, Dr Camilla Highfield.

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
Glenda	Transitions
Janine	Digital Fluency

We will continue to work together on all the themes with the lead teacher being a contact person and facilitator for all work relating to their theme.

Presentation to the Ministry of Education

John and Peter will be presenting to the local Ministry of Education staff in early April about the formation, development, achievements and challenges of the Waimea Kāhui Ako.

Top of the South Kāhui Ako Leaders Forum

Peter attended this hui in Greymouth on the 15-16th March along with leaders from other Communities of Learning/ Kāhui Ako in the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast regions. A range of topics were discussed as many of these Kāhui Ako face similar challenges. We gained useful insight into managing centrally-funded PLD and updates on COL matters from the Ministry of Education.

Kāhui Ako Website

A reminder that our Waimea Kahui 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

Create a logo – art competition

Up to now our branding has been a string of COL school logos, but we'd like to create a unique logo for our Waimea Kāhui Ako and we invite your students to enter our Design-a-Logo competition. See the accompanying flyer for details. Great prizes! <https://www.waimeacol.org/logo-competition>

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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