

Waimea Kāhui Ako
November 2018 update
(for BOTs, staff and communities)

Our Themes

Hauora (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...

Strategic Plan for 2019-2020

This was initially presented to principals at our September meeting, with considerable discussion resulting in the decision to base the plan on four work-streams corresponding generally to our themes:

1. Digital technologies
2. Culturally responsive practice
3. Transitions
4. Hauora (combining the themes of well-being and building relationships)

It was subsequently endorsed at our October principals meeting. Please take time to familiarise yourself with this document <https://www.waimeacol.org/achievement-challenges> Find what parts of the plan resonate with challenges that you face in your school and use it to support your own Annual and Strategic Plans, along with reporting to the Ministry of Education as part of Annual Charter updates.

Within-school lead teachers hui at Waimea Intermediate

A successful hui was held at Waimea Intermediate School on last Wednesday with our Within School teachers presenting their ongoing work within their own schools. Thanks for your valuable work and interesting presentations. Reminder to principals to please confirm your Within School teams to us for 2019 as soon as possible so we can update our register and engage with this team at the start of the year.

Leadership Recruitment

The interview panel considered an application for a shared leadership model for 2019-2020 and this was supported by the independent panel member and endorsed by our local Ministry of Education Director. We are still awaiting approval from the Secretary of Education to complete the formalities. Justine MacDonald from Waimea Intermediate has taken over as one of our support principals following Graham Avery's move to Christchurch.

Across School Lead Teacher Vacancies

Applications have now closed for two more Across School teachers for our Kāhui Ako. Assuming our leadership model for 2019-2020 is approved by the Secretary for Education then we will work through the appointment timeline.



Principals Meeting 21st November

Our final principals meeting for 2018 will be held at Henley School on **Wednesday 21st November at 1.30pm**. While we acknowledge this is a particularly busy time of the Term, we would nevertheless like all Kāhui Ako principals to be at this meeting as we will be introducing the new leaders for 2019. An agenda will be circulated prior to this meeting.

Professional Learning and Development (PLD) to support the themes

An application has been submitted to the MOE for centrally-funded PLD that supports the themes identified in our strategic plan for 2019-2020. Applications for further PLD resourcing will be considered as needed to implement other initiatives within the strategic plan.

Leadership Professional Development

The Waimea Kāhui Ako Across School Teachers, along with Peter Verstappen and Dave Sampson, recently visited several innovative schools in Auckland. The team also met with Across School teams from the North Shore Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako and spent some valuable time with our expert partner Dr Camilla Highfield from the University of Auckland.

Kāhui Ako Website

A reminder that our Waimea Kāhui Ako website is continually updated with new resources and useful links. Thanks to Janine Higgins for creating and managing the site www.waimeacol.org.

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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