



Focusing on:

Student Pathways

Culturally Responsive Practice

Community Hauora

To raise achievement for all students and address our achievement challenges

20 February 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa,

A warm welcome back to the 2022 school year. The year is underway, and we once again find ourselves in a position of responding to our changing landscape. We are getting good at being very adaptable and ensuring our high quality and inclusive programmes continue to be delivered across our Waimea Kāhui Ako kura. It is always important, but even more so under our current climate, to check in each others well-being and Hauora, which is of course one of our Waimea Kāhui Ako strategic goals. The Across School Teachers (ASTs) will continue to focus on this and promote this throughout the year, along with our other strategic goals of strengthening our student pathways and building on our culturally responsive practices.

### Waimea Kāhui Ako Across School Teacher Appointments & AST Team

As you will be aware our AST positions for 2022/2023 were advertised at the end of Term 3, 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen Phillips (Principal of St Pauls), Glenda Earle (AST and Principal at Brightwater School) and Charles Newton for joining me on the interview panel. I am pleased to announce the following appointments were made; Scott Mackenzie (Wakefield School) and Dianne Giraud (Waimea Intermediate School). Scott and Di join our two continuing ASTs Paula Campbell (Waimea College) and Ryan Higgins (Richmond School).

### AST Focus on Strategic Planning Inquiry

We were pleased to announce at the end of last year that our Waimea Kāhui Ako PLD application successfully secured seven hundred hours of PLD across our kura. The PLD application related to our three Waimea Kāhui Ako strategic plan themes mentioned above with each individual kura identifying their own focus for 2022, along with their preferred provider to deliver this PLD.

If you are wanting to work alongside one of our AST's to support your school's focus area please make contact with them directly using the list below.

### Localised Curriculum

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## AST Focus on Strategic Planning Inquiry continued

### Well-Being and Hauora

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### 2022 Connect Week is scheduled for Term 1 Week 8

This event will be going ahead via zoom. The themes will connect to all three of our strategic plan themes; student pathways, culturally responsive practice, and community hauora. Watch out for registrations for this event. We hope that you can make the most of this opportunity, interacting with others and discussing your practice with colleagues across our Kāhui Ako.

### Useful Links

Waimea Kāhui Ako website <https://www.waimeacol.org/>

Strategic Plan, Themes and Achievement Challenges <https://www.waimeacol.org/vision>

Online Learning links <https://www.waimeacol.org/online-learning>

Waimea Kāhui Ako Local Stories <https://www.waimeacol.org/local-stories>

Wishing you all a successful and enjoyable Term 1.

Ngā mihi nui,

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