



Focusing on:

Student Pathways

Culturally Responsive Practice

Community Hauora

To raise achievement for all students and address our achievement challenges

1 September 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Great to see the sunshine and arrival of spring this week after our recent wet weather. Our thoughts go out to our Kura, friends and whānau across our region affected by the recent state of emergency. It is at times like this that our Waimea Kāhui Ako hauora theme continues to be a focus for our schools and communities.

### Waimea Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival - Thursday 22 September - Term 3 Week 9

Preparations are well underway for our upcoming Waimea Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival scheduled for Thursday 22 September. Kapa Haka leads should be receiving updates and information from Ryan Higgins, one of our across school teachers (ASTs). If you are not receiving updates please contact Ryan directly using this email address [rhiggins@staff.richmondprimary.school.nz](mailto:rhiggins@staff.richmondprimary.school.nz)

### Connect Week - Next Connect Week is Term 2 Week 9

As this is the first update since Term 2's Waimea Kāhui Ako Connect Week we would like to thank you all for your participation in the workshops and presentations. In addition, thanks to the schools for your feedback on the sessions offered and delivery mode. This is most useful for the ASTs in their planning for 2023 Connect Weeks.

### Term 3 Within School Teachers Hui

The Within School Teachers (WSTs) met on Thursday 2 June this term. This session focused on developing our local curriculum. Three schools shared their practice and approach to integrating our local Pūrākau and developing their localised curriculum. If you are interested in this area you might like to talk to your schools WST, our AST's or visit our [Waimea Kāhui ako](#) website [Local Stories](#) page. I have included a photo of this hui on the last page of this update.

### Waimea Kāhui Ako SENCO Update

There have been two SENCO hui since the last update. This is a great opportunity for our SENCOs to network and share practice across our Waimea Kāhui Ako. A current focus for this group is drafting a proposal to support transition with our Waimea Kāhui Ako. We are working alongside, Mike Ness, Learning Support (MOE) to develop this proposal and will share more detail as plans are finalised. For more information on this you could ask your Kura SENCO or contact me directly [principal@waimeaint.school.nz](mailto:principal@waimeaint.school.nz).



## Early Childhood Outreach (ECO) Pilot Project Update

As previously stated our Waimea Kāhui Ako are fortunate to have a number of ECEs associated with our Kāhui Ako and we continue to strengthen the student pathways across sectors. In Term 1 we started working alongside Mike Ness, Ministry of Education Learning Support Team, co-designing an exciting pilot project that has a focus on Early Childhood Education. This project allows us to access some limited (in time) funding to help support younger learners (around 3 years of age) and their whānau. This in turn will support transition into our primary schools. These learners would likely be presenting with a variety of emerging learning needs and would not necessarily be receiving service from the MOE. As examples, they might be struggling to settle into a new centre or finding it challenging to play appropriately with others. Equally sporadic attendance or developmental progress might be a concern.

To support the delivery of this mahi, I am pleased to announce that an appointment has been made to the Early Childhood Outreach (ECO) role. We officially welcome Louise Hamilton, currently based with Nelson Tasman Kindergartens, to this exciting support role. Louise and I are currently finalising plans for an ECO launch 'event' where appropriate ECE staff, new entrant teachers and members of senior leadership teams with the responsibility of transition into school would be invited to join us and Mike Ness from Learning Support (MOE) to make connections and hear about the programme. Watch this space for more information on this event. To contact Louise directly use this link [whanausupport@ntk.org.nz](mailto:whanausupport@ntk.org.nz)

## AST Focus on Strategic Planning Inquiry

Great to see and hear that our Waimea Kāhui Ako Kura continue to make effective use of the seven hundred hours of PLD we were allocated at the end of 2021. Our across school teachers team continue to work alongside Kura and their lead staff focusing on our three strategic themes of localised curriculum, student pathways and community hauora. We are also engaging with local iwi developing a plan to strengthen learning focused partnerships for our learners and support professional development in culturally responsive practice in our people. Our seven hundred hours have been well utilized, with an application for more hours to support this mahi pending.

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

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## Waimea Kāhui Ako Strategic Planning Refresh

Principals and ECE Leads are looking forward to revisiting and refreshing our Waimea Kāhui Ako Strategic Plan on Thursday 8 September after the original date was postponed due to being in a state of emergency. This mahi will identify areas for celebration, areas for future development and support our individual Kura planning for 2023 and beyond. Outcomes and changes will be shared with you in future updates as appropriate.

## Mātauranga Māori, Localised Curriculum through a Science and Technology

As part of our focus on localised curriculum and culturally responsive practice a group from our Kāhui Ako visited Rotorua to experience first-hand how Kura utilise their local environment to deliver a localised curriculum using science and technology through a Mātauranga Māori lens. This wananga was hosted at Tarimano Marae and Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology. Across school teacher's Paula Campbell and Di Giraud are keen to share their learnings from the wananga with our Kāhui Ako. If your Kura is interested please contact them directly.

Wishing you all a successful and enjoyable end of term.

Ngā mihi nui,

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