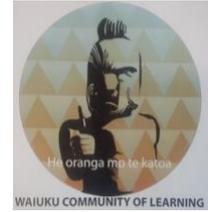


Waiuku Kāhui Ako Term 4 2018 Newsletter



December 2018
Update

To Staff, BOT, students, and community of Waiuku Kāhui Ako

Welcome to our first Newsletter since undergoing a Kāhui Ako revision for 2019-2020.

Lots has happened since Term 3.....

The 10 principals of the Waiuku Kāhui Ako have engaged and been guided through a change management process by representatives of the Springboard Trust. This has involved a revision process, setting strategic goals and initiatives for the next two years. They have been ably led through this process by Peter Faafui and Andrew Maddock.

I have been selected for the job of leading the Kāhui Ako over the next two years, replacing Graeme Newell (Sandspit Road Primary Principal) who decided to retire from teaching.

Waiuku Kāhui Ako lead 2019-2020 (2 days per week)

Todd Malcolm (MEdL)

10 years at Waiuku college as Deputy principal. 20+ years teaching in a diverse range of schools



Kāhui Ako Staff Changes

I would like to acknowledge and thank Graeme Newell for leading the Kāhui Ako in the establishment years. Community of Learning (COLs) are not an event, but a progression along a never ending continuum, and it takes time to develop relationships and networks for true collaboration to occur. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work that Bernadette Corcoran and Julie Steele have completed while being involved as Across School teachers over the last two years. It is a tough job and I know both of them have enjoyed the challenge and have also grown immensely as leaders through the role.

Culturally Responsive Practice

Three of our schools took part in post testing in term 4 using the observation tool; Rongohia te Hau. The data back from these three schools show a shift of 20% schoolwide improvement in Culturally Responsive and Relational pedagogy. Research tells us that relationships are crucial if we are to make learning progress with the students of today, so this is a really good result and the feedback from the schools involved has indicated they benefited from this process.

Professional Learning

All three Across School teachers attended a Ulearn 2018 for three days in the September holidays. There were a variety of workshops. The learnings from this PD was shared with the Within School teachers.

Below is the link to some of PLD sessions and notes;

[GOOGLE DRIVE LINK](#)

What's ahead 2019-2020

I have attached the strategic plan that was co-constructed with the Kāhui Ako principals. This document sets the goals for the next 2 years. These are shared goals that we think are important to our school community and we believe we can achieve more by working together on them.



Developing Collaboration and Networks

One of the ongoing goals is to build more cohesive learning pathways from ages 0 – 18+, and to continue to bring all levels of education providers into the Kāhui Ako (ECE to Tertiary/ Business). This in turn helps for better transition as our tamariki grow and develop.

The MOE is assisting us in bring ECE to the table, so their representatives can be involved in the Kāhui Ako. We are currently signing up four ECE providers and expect more to get involved early next year.

SENCO (Learning Support Coordinator)

The SENCO group met for the last time this year in week seven. I went along to update them on Kāhui Ako and talk about how one of the important strategic goals over the next two years is around learning support and equity of outcomes for all learners. The Senco group's knowledge and expertise will be crucial as we look at how we can share best practice and resources, so all our tamariki experience success in an academic school setting.

Across School Teacher Roles

On Saturday 1st December we interviewed candidates for the very important Across school teacher (AST) roles (two days per week). I'm pleased to announce that the following three teachers were selected;

- Emma Heaford (Waipipi Primary)
- Deb Rei (View Road Primary)
- Jessica Simons (Glenbrook Primary)

Congratulations! I know they are excited to begin the mahi that underpins our Kāhui Ako goals.

Within School Teachers

I would like to thank all the WSTs who have worked hard and been involved in various workstreams over 2018. These jobs are fixed term, so all schools will be either reappointing or extending the existing contracts for 2019. We are currently looking at options that would mean a closer working relationship with the three Across school teachers on various initiatives in 2019.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Todd Malcolm

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