



Ngā Hau e Whā

Aroha ki nga tamariki.

“Whaia te iti kahurangi- Reach for the stars”

(Whakatuaki Pg 25, He Reo Tupu, He Reo - Ora MOE)

Newsletter to Schools November 2013

Kia ora schools

We hope that the term has begun well for all of you.

RTLB Staffing

Welcome back to Ian Smith from his period of recovery leave. At the end of the year we I farewell Claire Gubb. We wish her well in her new career as A.P. at Discovery School. We also farewell the helpful fixed term relievers, Lis Davys, Janine Hancock-Lamb, Niamh King and Barbara Carey.

In term one 2014 we welcome back Anthea Martin from a year's leave, and Simon Harding who is relieving for Sharron Guy (who is on secondment to MoE until 6 May 2014).

Accommodation

Permanent and appropriate office accommodation continues to be an issue for the cluster. Through continued negotiations with MoE we are hopeful of obtaining useful permanent bases for our staff to work from in 2014.

A huge thank you to our current cluster host schools for their kindness and generosity to our RTLB staff – we could not do our work without your support.

Case work

To date, this year, our RTLB have worked on over 600 cases in 107 schools.

LSF allocation

This term, the focus is on funding transitions. We know that the students we work with are often vulnerable at the end and the beginning of the year, so we have allocated 20% of the LSF fund to help build and support successful transitions. These transitions are for programmes within schools and between schools. Transition funding is available for students on the RTLB roll. The transition funding is either for a programme at the end of this year and or in school support for the first few weeks of term one 2014.

Can schools **please invoice** the cluster for any LSF, by Dec 10 2013 as we close off the accounts at the end of December?

Next year the allocation committee work will be enhanced by including one more primary and one more secondary principal representative. The current allocation committee meets every

three weeks. The addition of extra representation from the school sector will enable a sharing of this meeting workload.

Incredible Years Teacher (IYT)



The cluster will continue to deliver this popular teacher training course to help build capacity amongst our schools. Contact dawn.nippert@minedu.govt.nz to register an interest for your junior school staff.

Year 11-13 funding

All funding for 2014 has been allocated to secondary school and kura. A mid and end of project milestone report must be submitted to release funding.

Database

If you have any concerns please contact stephanie.evans@wellingtonrtlb.school.nz



Professional Development

On 4 February 2014 Nathan Mikare Wallace and Hana O'Regan will present to our cluster..

They are a dynamic duo who will be speaking about issues that are relevant to all professionals working with Māori education and community settings. Hana and Nathan will discuss ways to incorporate the best from Māori cultural models of engagement and intervention with more widely used western knowledge to create an integrated practice framework which delivers more effective services for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.

Nathan and Hana will provide an overview of the latest scientific discoveries in the field of brain development and the insights they provide for working more effectively with Māori children and whānau.

Our cluster is offering two free spaces for each school in the cluster to join us for this day. Attendance costs and catering for the day will be covered. A flyer is attached.

Please send an email to rauru.walker@wellingtonrtlb.school.nz detailing staff who would be able to attend. Please reply on or before 10 December.

With teachers in our schools and RTLB all receiving the same PLD, our relationships will be enhanced, we will better understand common perspectives, and we will improve outcomes for students.

HLN (RTL B HLN - High Learning Needs cases)

Currently all HLN students on the RTL B roll are being assessed to ensure that they meet the criteria. Lis Davys (RTL B) has been employed to work across the cluster to get this important work completed. Students with HLN status previously received the SLS service.

Case Closure

Last year Nga Hau e Wha RTL B teachers endeavoured to close as many cases as possible at the end of the year to make room for new case work the following year. This year RTL B will peer review their cases and cases will only be closed if there is agreement with the stakeholders and RTL B. Cases that are being closed this term may still plan for a transition process which could be an integral part of the closure.

Term One 2014

RTL B will be working in schools within the first two weeks of term one. A priority for RTL B is working with teachers and schools to provide service HLN students, students in a transition process and working with schools to establish the RTL B liason role for 2014.

Part of the beginning of the year process is for RTL B to obtain the consent /signature of new teachers working with current students on the RTL B roll. RTL B must have current teacher consent to enable the consultative/collaborative approach to function.

The cluster will be processing new requests for assistance from week three.

Cluster road show

Two weeks ago the RTL B management team, S.E and S (the MoE previously known as GSE) and CAMHS presented how each service works to Porirua East Principals and staff. This meeting was the first of a set of meetings to be delivered across the cluster. You will receive notification of the 2014 meetings as they are arranged.

We look forward to your attendance at these meetings. We aim to inform schools about our respective processes, how to access our services and how each service works to improve outcomes for students.

Kind Regards

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