

## Waimea Community of Learners

### Waimea Kāhui Ako

#### September 2017 update from the Waimea CoL/ Kāhui Ako (for BOTs, staff and communities)

##### **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**

##### ***Appointing across-school and within-school lead teachers***

We received 14 applications for across-school positions. Shortlisting has been completed and interviews will be held next week. We hope to complete the appointment process in line with our timeline below; however, we are unlikely to appoint all five across-school positions in this round and will consult with primary schools about encouraging more applicants from this sector.

Mon – Tues 11 & 12 September	Interviews Referee Checks and attestation against National Criteria
Tuesday 19 September (approx.)	Offers to successful candidates
Friday 29 September	Appointments confirmed

Schools may be considering appointing within-school positions at present: we ask that you be patient and wait until the across-school roles have been confirmed. We still intend to use term four to train all the new appointees so they can begin working in schools from the start of 2018.

##### ***Resourcing***

At our previous principals meeting we made the proposal to consolidate the inquiry time funding into a single pooled resource of 1.59FTE. Our suggestion is that this may offer greater benefit to the Kāhui Ako, allowing us to employ additional specialist staff to work across all schools in support of the across schools and within school lead teachers. Please discuss this within your school. Your feedback is welcome and we hope to make a decision on this shortly.

Staffing for across schools and within schools roles will be received by schools as soon as appointments are made.

##### ***Meetings with staff and Boards of Trustees***

Kāhui Ako leaders have completed all scheduled meetings with school staff and boards of trustees. Thank you for making time for these meetings, we found them very useful and hope you did too. If you would like further contact please just ask. We are happy to talk to parents and community as well.

##### ***Engaging with ECE sector***

Kāhui Ako leaders met recently with Craig Vercoe of the Nelson/Tasman Kindergarten Association to talk about engaging ECE in the Kāhui Ako. Craig will give a short presentation at the next principals meeting and will attend those meetings regularly from now on. Through the Kindergarten Association we hope to gradually involve other ECEs.



### ***Kāhui Ako regional leaders' meeting***

Peter attended a regional meeting of Kāhui Ako leaders and across school lead teachers in Nelson on Friday 1 September. Thirty five people were at the meeting and it was a valuable time of sharing stories. As a very new initiative Kāhui Ako are very much a 'work in progress' and we value the opportunities to learn from each others' successes and mistakes.

### ***Kāhui Ako Professional Learning Day***

We hope you are promoting the Kāhui Ako professional learning day to be held on **Monday 5 February 2018**. The venue for the day will be Hope Community Church. Speakers and programme are being organised now. Make sure your community knows your school will be closed on that day.

### ***Upcoming meetings***

Wednesday 13 September, 1.30-3.00pm, principals' meeting, Henley School

Thanks for your commitment to supporting the achievement of our students across the Waimea COL/Kāhui Ako. Please contact us at any time for more information.

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