Waimea Kāhui Ako

September 2020 Update

Focusing on: Hauora | Culturally Responsive Practice | Pathways | Ako

To raise achievement for all students and address our achievement challenges

September 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Connect Week
We have had lots of positive feedback from the variety of workshops available during the week. Thank you to all of our facilitators - it takes people to step up and be prepared to run these sessions in order to allow our sectors to network.
A slight change in organisation for our Connect Week was a PLD opportunity at the Whakatu Marae. This was an opportunity for teachers to get together and support the development of local stories and ultimately develop authentic units of learning that will support our tamariki to recognise and develop their belonging and place within our community. Thank you to Sarah, Tania and their team for organising and facilitating a successful day.

URF: Counsellors in Schools
We were successful in a recent application to the Ministry of Education's Urgent Relief Fund, gaining $109,000 to spend on counselling for students across our 12 schools. A large proportion of this fund has been made available to schools on a pro-rata basis. A small amount has been held in contingency to allow us to address further need as is may arise from the initial funding.

Website
Please continue to visit our website for updates. We continually add resources and information on this site for use in schools. Many resources from our recent Connect week are now available.
2020 has certainly been an interesting year. We were able to make our website a great resource for teachers during lockdown - thank you to those that contributed to this and also all of those who accessed the resource in order to help meet the needs of students during our time of on-line learning.

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The Team

2020 Dates

Across School Positions
These appointments have been made and we congratulate the successful candidates. Tania Alesana has been reappointed to her AST role. Ryan Higgins (Richmond School) Paula Campbell (Waimea College) are the new Across School Teachers. All of these positions are for two years beginning in January 2021. We wish these people all the best for their new roles in 2021.

Support Principals
Finally our thanks to Peter Verstappen and Justine McDonald, our support Principals for 2019 and 2020. We have valued their input and feedback and have appreciated their on-going support.

Dates remaining for 2020:
WST hui: Wednesday 4th November, 3:30pm
Principals meetings: Thursday 22nd October 1:30pm, Thursday 19th November, 1:30pm

Ngā mihi nui,

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