

Ministry bulletin for

SCHOOL LEADERS

He pitopito kōrero

Message from Peter Hughes

On Wednesday we celebrate New Zealand Teachers' Day. It's a chance to formally recognise the efforts and achievements of the many, many teachers across the country. A lot of New Zealanders have already acknowledged their teachers on <http://www.inspiredbyu.org.nz/>

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for the work that you do and for the difference that you make every day for our children and young people. Thank you for your commitment, your passion, your caring and your professionalism.

Several outstanding teachers have been recognised for their achievements. Frazer Dale and Christina Greenwood recently won the Sir Peter Blake Trust Environmental Educator awards. Anne Miles of McAuley High School received the 2014 Fairfax Women of Influence award and Sita Selupe of Rise UP Academy won the 2014 Next Woman of the Year.

It's fantastic to see great teachers recognised in this way. We need to see that more often.

Have a good week.

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Critical need to know and action

Investing in Educational Success

Our staff are responding to requests for meetings, from schools and kura across the country who are interested in forming Communities of Schools.

If your school might want to be part of a Community please complete the simple [Expression of Interest](#) form and send it to us. It doesn't matter if you don't have other schools on board yet: the Ministry can help put you in touch with potential Community members.

Completing an Expression of Interest is not a commitment to joining a Community of Schools. It does help start useful conversations and allow us to support schools who would like help with the process.

Alternatively if you would simply like to talk to someone about Investing in Educational Success, or have any questions you can contact your [local Director of Education](#) or contact the Ministry via IES.Team@minedu.govt.nz

A revised set of [A5 information sheets](#) is also available on the Ministry website, covering Facts and Numbers, Communities of Schools, New Teaching and Leadership Roles and the Teacher-Led Innovation Fund. These are designed to give a high-level view of different aspects of IES.

More detailed information on Investing in Educational Success can be found [on our website](#).

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Funding for Extraordinary Roll Growth in 2014

Schools can apply for Funding for Extraordinary Roll Growth if their school roll exceeds the trigger point.

Applications must be received by our Resourcing Division by 21 November 2014 and will be held and processed after that date; any payments will be made at the end of November.

The form will be made available [here on the Ministry website from 1 November 2014](#)

Further information on funding for extraordinary roll growth can be found in the [Funding, Staffing and allowances handbook](#)

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Heads up

Changes to Incredible Years Teacher programme teacher release payments



We are making changes to the funding we provide schools and early childhood centres to use to release teachers to attend the Incredible Years Teacher (IYT) programme.

Current funding model

Schools and early childhood centres are currently funded as a contribution to teacher release for teachers attending the Incredible Years Teacher programme.

The amount paid reflects how many sessions the teacher has attended. Payments are \$250.00 per session except for the first session payment which is \$50.00 (deduction of \$200.00 to cover costs of resources, catering, venue hire etc).

Payments are made at the end of each school term and the amount paid reflects how many sessions the teacher has attended during the school term.

Future funding model

Schools and early childhood centres will continue to be funded as a contribution to teacher release but **for IYT programmes commencing from 1 January 2015**: Schools and early childhood centres will receive a total amount of \$1000 for each teacher attending the programme.

This is slightly lower than the previous payment if a teacher attended all six sessions.

However, schools and early childhood centres will no longer need to wait to the end of each school term to receive funding. Instead, schools will receive the \$1000.00 payment after teachers have attended the second session of an IYT programme.

It will be assumed that if the teachers have attended the first two sessions, they will attend the remaining four sessions.

This will give schools and early childhood providers' greater flexibility to manage the teacher release funding, as they will receive funding earlier and will have certainty of the level of funding they will receive.

The Ministry will continue to meet the costs of all the training materials (including the Incredible Years Teacher book) venue hire, and catering when required.

At the end of the programme (six sessions), schools and early childhood centres will receive a statement from the Ministry confirming the teachers' participation in the programme and the number of sessions attended. To be fair to all schools whose teachers make the commitment to full attendance, the Ministry will reserve the right to seek a refund from schools if teachers fail to attend the remaining four training sessions without valid reason.

For more information or to ask questions, please contact: Jenny Bauckham, senior advisor – PB4L: Jenny.bauckham@minedu.govt.nz

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Royal NZ Navy writing competition

On 13 December 2013, the Royal New Zealand Navy will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate. The Battle was the first major allied victory of the war and involved the New Zealand warship HMS Achilles. But it's also an interesting story in that the Captain of German ship Graf Spee defied orders, scuttling his damaged ship and saving the lives of his crew.

The Navy will be honouring the surviving veterans with a parade in Auckland on 13 December.

The Navy would like to invite students from all ages to enter a writing competition. The subject is:

“Imagine you were a sailor on HMS Achilles during the Battle of the River Plate. Write a letter to your family telling them about the battle and your thoughts on it”

[A commemorative magazine has been created](#) which can be used as a resource; an e-version is also located at <http://www.navy.mil.nz/> on the front page. There are also numerous library and website resources on the Battle, and the Movie Battle of the River Plate is available to be viewed on YouTube.

The competition will be judged in three categories Junior (5-10 years old) Intermediate (11-13 years old) and senior (14-17 years old). Winners will receive a prize pack which will include a day out with the Navy in Devonport, Auckland.

Entries can be emailed to mark.sleeman@nzdf.mil.nz or posted to Mark Sleeman, Defence Communications Group, Defence House, Aitken Street, Wellington. Please clearly state which category you are entering and provide a name and a way we can get in contact if you win a prize.

Please feel free to phone 021 925 374, if you have any questions.

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General

Thank you from the Ministry of Health

Your support is vital for the continued success of the School-Based Immunisation programme, which protects thousands of children each year from infectious diseases.

Public health nurses will be in touch with participating schools in early 2015 to distribute consent forms for parents to sign and return before next year's programme begins.

The Ministry is also developing template images and information that schools can use in their notices, which will be available in early 2015.

If you would like more information about the programme, please see www.health.govt.nz/hpv or contact immunisation@moh.govt.nz

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Waitangi 175

A new website commemorating 175 years of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi next year has been launched at www.waitangi.tki.org.nz. The site will enable teachers, principals, boards and their communities to develop a range of teaching and learning programmes that can link to our history, civics, citizenship and nationhood.

Every year, many schools and other education providers recognise February 6 as an important day in the history of this nation. Many communities remember the actual day in many different ways but on Friday February 6 next year, we will have something important to reflect on after 175 years.

The Ministry is working together with other government agencies to commemorate the Treaty including the anniversaries of other important events linked to the Treaty

- 40th anniversary of 1975 establishment of Waitangi Tribunal (Oct 10)
- 180th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (Oct 28)
- 150th anniversary of the Native/Māori Land Court (Oct 30)
- 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta (June 15)

The website will include content in both Māori and English and there will be a forum for schools to provide examples of the work of their students.

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OTJ workshops

OTJ (overall teacher judgment) workshops for schools, kura and Māori medium settings using Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori will be held throughout the country in Term 4. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information about workshops in your region and to register.

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Te Waharoa Ararau e-workshops

The second series of e-workshops for schools, kura and Māori medium settings using Te Waharoa Ararau will soon be available through our IT Training Services. **Te Waharoa Ararau ā-Kura** e-workshops will be available from 27 October – 7 November 2014. **Te Waharoa Ararau ā-Motu** (NAG2A report) e-workshops will be available from 20 October – 7 November 2014. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information and to register.

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Fire safety

Boards of Trustees are responsible for managing health and safety on school sites. An important part of this is having fire safety management plans in place, encouraging and modelling compliance with those plans, regularly carrying out trial evacuations and maintaining fire alarm systems.

It is important that building safety systems are functioning properly. If your school fire alarm system is not functioning properly, you must contact your Ministry of Education Property Advisor immediately. We want to work with you to resolve any issues with your fire alarm systems and we will ensure there is sufficient funding available to complete the work required.

You should also contact your fire alarm service company and the local fire brigade for assistance. A joint approach may help you to be more successful in addressing any underlying issues.

Serious fire safety management errors include:

Issuing instructions not to evacuate when the alarm sounds because of persistent false alarms: Persistent false alarms are a sign that the fire alarm system is not

functioning properly. This is extremely unsafe because in a real fire staff and students will not evacuate and may be injured.

Turning off the fire alarm system because of persistent false alarms: The fire alarm system should never be turned off. It is extremely unsafe because if a fire does occur it may go undetected and threaten the lives of staff and students.

You can read more about our Fire Alarm Upgrade Programme [here](#), and you can read more about funding urgent health and safety work with your Five Year Agreement (5YA) funding [here](#). For more information about emergency management procedures and requirements, you can visit our [website](#) or contact the [New Zealand Fire Service](#). Email property.help@minedu.govt.nz if you would like more information.

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Surveys we would appreciate you completing

- Have your say on our support for modern teaching and learning by taking our [quick, online opinion poll](#) and go in the draw for a \$100 Prezzy card
- **Reminder: Tell us what you think of the guide [in our survey](#) or [email us](#). Feedback is due Friday 7 November 2014** and will help inform the 2015 edition of the guide. The 2014 guide is available [here](#)
- [National RTLB Service Satisfaction Survey 2014](#)

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Upcoming webinars

Reminder: webinar tomorrow on moving towards 1:1 digital devices

In this webinar, Lesley Murrphy, Principal of Amesbury School and Mark Quigley, Deputy Principal of Orewa College will share lessons they have learned about implementing 1:1 devices. They will explain: why they chose a 1:1 approach; how they implemented 1:1; changes/benefits for students and teachers; and lessons learned along the way.

Following their presentation Lesley, Mark, and Howard Baldwin, from the Ministry of Education's Learning with Digital Technologies programme, will answer your questions.

Tuesday 28 October, 3.45 – 4.45pm | [register online here](#)

Other webinars coming up soon:

- **12 November** – Maori achieving success as Maori – a framework for evaluation including Ako-e (e-Learning) alongside cultural competencies
- **3 December** - e-learning tools in literacy

The Ministry is committed to supporting schools to integrate digital technologies in teaching and learning. For more information on how your school can benefit from digital technologies and other support resources visit: www.elearning.tki.org.nz

Or email: learning.digitaltechnologies@minedu.govt.nz

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E-asTTle users

E-asTTle users can now use their Education Sector Logon to get straight into [N4L's Pond](#) – a central hub for discovering educational resources. Individuals with e-asTTle accounts will be emailed in November to inform them of this directly. N4L is also running a free, six week email and online training programme for Pond called "[Make a Splash](#)". This programme can be delivered to all staff and bookings are available for this term or next year.

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New Zealand Sign Language Reading Course

We have developed another 10 Ready to Read titles as e-books. These apps are targeted resources intended to support effective guided and shared reading instruction for NZSL users. They are [available through the Ministry of Education store on iTunes](#) and are free to download – [Read more...](#)

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The PLD Advisory Group is keen to talk to you!

Keep an eye out for the [Professional Learning and Development Advisory Group's latest report](#) (scroll down) and summary document which are being posted to all schools and kura over the next few weeks. The group is keen to engage with teachers and leaders about their work. [Email](#) to provide feedback or request a meeting.

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REGIONAL NEWS



TAI TOKERAU | Hira Gage

Kia ora koutou

We have completed the transfer of work programmes from Auckland to the Whangarei office following the establishment of Tai Tokerau as an area. The Ministry is a big waka to turn and I think we have done extremely well getting this sorted in a timely manner.

It is important to celebrate our successes here in the North and focus the spotlight on what's inspiring, what's positive and what's working. I am very interested in your success stories and would like to hear more. I am out and about with schools and centres over the next few months and look forward to catching up with you.

Interim Response Fund (IRF)

Whangarei office will now process all IRF funding requests for schools and kura in Tai Tokerau. Please contact our office **09 436 8900** if you wish to request Interim Response Funding support. Your senior adviser will be able to answer any queries you may have or you can access further information online: [Interim Response Fund \(IRF\) Ministry of Education](#)

Home Schooling Applications

All Home Schooling applications are now processed from the Whangarei office. Your senior adviser can answer any queries you may have.

Vocational Pathway Workshop

You are invited to attend this workshop coming up on 18 November at Barge Park, Whangarei. [Here's the event flyer for more information](#) and below are the key themes:

- Designing a coherent and contextualised programme for your students
- Reviewing their curriculum and wanting to design new programmes which are based on Vocational Pathways
- Considering new ways to improve the engagement and retention of students

Investing in Education Success (IES)

There is increased interest in IES, particularly the formation of Communities of Schools. Please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email: hira.gage@minedu.govt.nz or phone 09 436 8914 or 027 5015068 if you would like me to attend a board meeting to discuss how this could work in your community.

Celebrating Northland's Tamariki

Another successful Early Childhood Education conference, *Celebrating Northland's Tamariki* was held at the beginning of October. Over 130 participants attended the biennial conference.

Internationally acclaimed key note speakers Professor Angus MacFarlane, Dr Sonya MacFarlane, and Dr Lesley Rameka set the tone for the conference by delivering current theory and exploring this year's theme: The three pillars of sustainability in an educational context, **Environmental Conservation; Economic Viability, and Social Justice.**

A variety of workshops were held during the conference including Addressing Racism, Enculturing Kaitiakitanga, Storytelling and Puppetry.



L-R: Des Tipene, Kaumātua Tokarangī Totoro, Dr Sonya MacFarlane, Professor Angus MacFarlane

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AUCKLAND | Kevin Emery

No news this issue but please feel free to [email me](#) any time.

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WAIKATO | Paula Rawiri

Kia ora koutou

Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere

Congratulations to Keith Silveira, the school whānau, staff and Board for the opening of their new kura in Putaruru - Te Wharekura o Te Kaokoroa o Pātetere Wednesday last. It is an impressive example of a modern

learning complex and an occasion that I felt very privileged to attend.

Right from the first words of the karakia and karanga at the gate, those gathered were taken on a huge learning journey that covered the history of the area where the wharekura is situated, the stories about each of the ancestors and symbols of significance to the local people represented through the newly unveiled carvings and the connections that other iwi through their kura and wharekura have to the area.

It was impressive to see such support from colleagues representing other kura, schools, kohanga reo and ECE services from across the Waikato; a fantastic milestone for the whānau and community to celebrate. Ka mau te wehi!

Professional Learning and Development

By now you should have been contacted by one of my colleagues in the Ministry of Education to discuss the professional development allocated to your school for 2015. You should receive letters from me shortly to confirm these discussions but please talk to your Senior Advisor further if you have any queries.

In mid-November we have organised a meeting for our Ministry of Education staff to meet the providers of professional development and learning for English and Māori medium in

the Waikato. The purpose of the meeting will be to ensure that we are well coordinated in the support we are providing to schools and are building these important relationships.

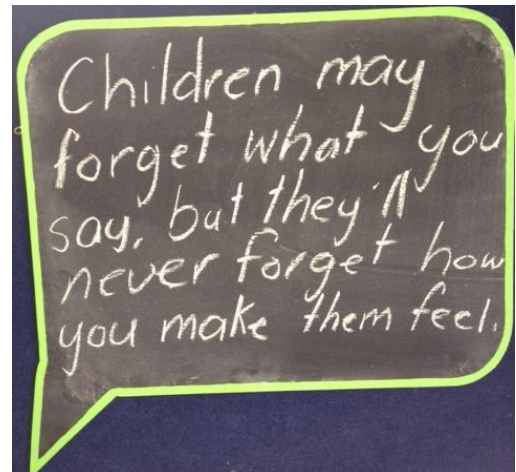
Meetings with Principals

I have had the chance to visit with several of you at your school since I started in my role at the beginning of July. Thank you for the opportunity to do so, as it is important for me to discuss and understand your priorities, your challenges and how best the Ministry of Education can support the work you do. This is a work in progress for me so if I don't see you before the end of this term, I will aim to see you in 2015!

Thank you to the Fairfield cluster for hosting me two weeks ago. I appreciated the chance to talk to you collectively in a free and frank manner about a range of things that are important to you. I am looking forward to meeting with the Principals cluster at Thames South School in a couple of weeks. If you would like me to come and speak with your school cluster or association please get in touch with me at paula.rawiri@minedu.govt.nz

A bouquet...

To all the teachers who are assisting their senior secondary school students throughout the Waikato by offering additional tuition for assessments and upcoming externals. I understand these happened during the holidays and are continuing to occur during lunchtimes, after school, in the evenings and during the weekends. I even heard of students and teachers working through the night to complete assessments! Thank you. I visited a school and saw this lovely little quote on the staff room wall which sums this commitment up...



Vocational Pathways Curriculum Review and Design workshops

Youth Guarantee is hosting Vocational Pathways Curriculum Review and Design Workshops in Hamilton for Secondary School Principals, Deputy Principals' in-charge of Curriculum and Curriculum Leaders (HODs).

For more information, [please refer to the programme outline](#)

Attendance is free of charge and limited to 4 per school. Registration (names, school and positions) to Jenny.Baber@minedu.govt.nz

Hamilton – Thursday 20 November, 9.15am to 1.00pm, Waikato Stadium – RSVP no later than 13 November

Noho ora mai
Paula

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BAY OF PLENTY, ROTORUA, TAUPO | Ezra Schuster

Tēnā koutou katoa and Talofa lava

I hope the term has started well for you. You all should have by now received a list of key Ministry contacts for your school; if you haven't received it please let me know and I'll arrange it to be sent to you.

I have spent most of last 2 weeks meeting with ECE leaders which you can read more about below but in between I managed a few school visits including meeting with Chris at Rotorua Boys High School and Nicky at Malfroy Primary last week. I really enjoy taking the time to visit schools and listening to what is on top for you.

Working with ERO

Our managers met recently with our ERO colleagues in Rotorua to discuss how we can better work together to support you and your school communities. It was great to reconnect with Dale Bailey and his team and we're both really committed to making sure we are better 'connected' and plan to come out together to present to your associations and or leadership teams in 2015. We'll update you more on this next month.

Early Childhood network meetings

We've just completed a series of very successful networking meetings with our ECE leaders in Tauranga, Whakatane, Taupo and Rotorua. We followed a similar format to the meetings we held with you in August and I was overwhelmed with the response. I was particularly encouraged with their interest to better connect with you as school leaders especially around the Public Achievement Information (PAI) data. The transition between ECE and school is so important and so sharing good information is critical to ensuring successful transition. If this is something you are keen to discuss or know more about please email Cheryl Bunker cheryl.bunker@minedu.govt.nz

Workshops

Youth Guarantee will be hosting a **Vocational Pathways Curriculum Review and Design workshop on Friday 14 November in Rotorua, from 9.15am to 12.45pm** – there is **no cost** to attend.

Vocational Pathways recently won the Government Partnership category at the AUT Business Excellence Awards. This is an opportunity for senior and curriculum leaders to learn more about developing contextualised Vocational Pathway programmes and implementing curriculum change within your school.

The target audience – Secondary Principal's, Deputy Principal's in-charge of Curriculum and Curriculum Leaders

Number per school – no more than 4

RSVP Attendance no later than Friday 7 November by emailing Jenny Barber on jenny.baber@minedu.govt.nz (please include the names and positions of attendees).

Bouquets

Finally, I love reading about the great things happening in our schools and so I want to acknowledge the students at **Mt Maunganui Intermediate** for getting behind and promoting 'Buddy Day' or child abuse prevention awareness on Friday 14 November [Bay students raising awareness](#) - a great cause and congratulations to the students and staff at Mt Maunganui Intermediate.

Also huge congratulations to Brent Griffin, principal of Western Heights Primary for winning the Neita National Cognition Education Trust Leadership Award 2014. A massive achievement for Brent and his school community as well as for us as a community. Well done Brent!

Name Change

We'd like to change the name for our rohe from Bay of Plenty, Rotorua, Taupo to Bay of Plenty, Waiariki, which better reflects the social and cultural ties to the our area. What do you think? If you have a view, email me at ezra.schuster@minedu.govt.nz

Have a wonderful week.

Ezra Schuster

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HAWKE'S BAY, GISBORNE | Marilyn Scott

Kia ora koutou

Communities of Schools

I've had discussions with a number of principals but there have been no formal expressions of interest yet. I'm very happy to come and speak with principals, boards or staff; I can be reached on 06 833 6898.

Student Achievement Facilitators

I'm very pleased to announce the appointments of Richard Roscoe and Keith Paringatai as SAFs for this area, with one position yet to be filled. I know some schools will be sorry to lose the services of Richard and Keith in their present roles; until we get a replacement for Richard we'll be supporting Bruce Cumming to work with both the Gisborne and East Coast Schools. Richard and Keith take up their new roles from 1 November.

Secondment

Glen France has been a great member of the Ministry team for two years but it's time for him to go back to his school. We're looking for a replacement for Glen, initially for terms 1 and 2 next year. If you're interested, please email me at marilyn.scott@minedu.govt.nz. And of course you're very welcome to phone Glen on 06 833 6899 to find out what it's like working in our team.

Name Change

We'd like to change the name for our rohe to the previous one – Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti. This better reflects that our offices serve the region right around to Potaka. What do you think? If you have a view, email me at marilyn.scott@minedu.govt.nz

Photographs

Back in 2001 we took a number of photos of kids and teachers and have had them hanging in the office since then. Obviously the participants are 13 years older now! So it's time to redo them. We'd love to hear from you if you've got photos suitable for enlarging, or if you've interesting things happening with kids. We can take the photos, and arrange for enlargements, permissions etc. Please phone or email me, or my PA Judith Beets, on 06 833 6741.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Martin O'Grady who has received both a National Excellence in Leadership award and an Excellence in Teaching award this year.

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TARANAKI, WHANGANUI, MANAWATU | Jann Marshall

Kia ora koutou

Achievement, Transition and Retention

This week we welcome Wilma Davis to our Whanganui office, as part of the Youth Guarantee, Achievement Retention and Transition (ART) team working with secondary schools across Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu. Wilma comes to us on secondment from Wanganui Girls' College where she is HOD of English. We are very fortunate to have Wilma in this role and we acknowledge the Board and staff of Wanganui Girls' College for releasing Wilma to work with us.

2015 Professional Learning and Development (PLD) allocations

If you applied for Ministry allocated PLD, you should have been contacted by your Senior Advisor informing you of your 2015 allocation(s). You will also receive a letter confirming the detail.

Please feel free to call me 06 349 6352 or email me: jann.marshall@minedu.govt.nz any time.

Ngā mihi, Jann

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WELLINGTON | Pauline Cleaver

Horowhenua-Ōtaki Children's Team Tamariki Te Tuatahi

On 16 October, the Horowhenua District Council hosted a community hui about the role of the Children's Team in their community and how it fits in the Government's wider plan to support vulnerable children.

Tangata whenua, community members, the Mayor, Police, social services, and education representatives (including the ministry) attended the hui.

We were treated to a welcome by the Whanau Pasifika Group of a local kindergarten, and musical performances by students from Levin Intermediate School and Waiiopehu College.

The Mayor, Brendan Duffy, talked about his vision that collectively we can and will make a difference for vulnerable children.

Jacqui Moynihan, the Director of the Children's Team introduced the members of the team and how it works, with a clear focus on the vulnerable child and sustained support for the family and whanau around that child.

We are providing staff who will be lead practitioners in a child's team, and who will broker educational support when needed.

Ngā mihi
Pauline

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NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, WEST COAST | Erika Ross

Kia ora koutou

Achievement Data Workshops

It was great to see many of you attending the workshops on Monday. I hope you found them useful.

Community of Schools

I have met with a number of principals now who are interested in forming communities of schools. The information about [Communities of Schools](#) and [expression of interest forms](#) are on the Ministry's website but please contact me if you need any assistance or further information.

Please phone me (03) 539 1533 or email me at erika.ross@minedu.govt.nz

Ngā mihi
Erika

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CANTERBURY | Coralanne Child

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OTAGO, SOUTHLAND | Julie Anderson

Kia ora koutou and warm Pasifika greetings

Otago and Southland sector group meetings

Thank you for your attendance at the two sector group meetings in the first week of this term. It was great to have Sarah Borrell from the IES team at National Office speak at the meeting and answer questions. Thank you also for your positive feedback about the work of the Ministry and more importantly your suggestions for improvements. A number of these are in line with our new way of working and we want to continue to work with you to ensure we can offer a service that best meets your needs.

Congratulations to winning schools

Well done to Queenstown Primary School year 7 & 8 for winning the 2014 Blue Light Create a TV Commercial or Social Media Clip Competition with their Anti Bullying video. And Congratulations to Otago Girls' High School for becoming the first girls state secondary school to win a National School of Character Award.

Te Reo and Tikanga celebrations

On Friday 17 October Rosebank Primary School in Balclutha welcomed me, their local Kindergarten teachers, South Otago High School teachers and students, and parents and whānau to a celebration of Te Reo and Tikanga. The whole school has been learning Te Reo with a weekly early morning lesson for the teachers led by Māori tutor, Piripi Gage and after this, teacher-led classes for every student. The strength of the haka welcome and waiata sung by the school at the powhiri were powerful. Following this the teachers led a model lesson that was observed by the visiting teachers and whānau. At afternoon tea a round table discussion considered the pathways for learning Te Reo through the

education community in Balclutha. Well done Piripi and Rosebank children and staff on your progress towards becoming a more bicultural school.

OSSPA conference

The Otago Southland Secondary Principals' Association held their conference in Wanaka last week. Speakers included Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft, Professor Gary Crowe from the University of Indiana and our Secretary Peter Hughes as well as school presentations by Blue Mountain, Cromwell, Dunstan, Kavanagh and Mount Aspiring about their PB4L initiatives. Thank you to the Principals present for their helpful feedback to me about the work of the Ministry.

IES and STA breakfast meeting Wednesday 29 October

At the request of groups of Principals I have been sharing information and having discussion about IES and the possible formation of Communities of School. I will be talking at a STA presentation for BOT members in Dunedin at the Edgar Centre at 7.30am on Wednesday 29 October for interested people. I am happy to respond to requests to talk with Principals, teachers, BOT and school communities about the nature of IES.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any issues or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Other government education agencies

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