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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

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CHANGES TO THE 2009 MENTOR PROGRAMME FOR 2008 FTFS

This is good news.

The programme for 2008 and 2009 FTP cohorts has been extended.

The Ministry of Education have allocated sufficient additional resources for a third **Professional Learning Group** meeting and a **second School Based Visit** for all 2008 cohort FTFS.

We expect that the third PLGs will take place in term one or two 2009 and the second School Based Visits will begin after May. We are delighted with this enhancement to the FTFS mentoring programme as it means that there will now be greater mentor support over the entire eighteen month duration of the induction programme.



MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Recently the Hon Anne Tolley spoke at The University of Auckland about the Government's

educational priorities. The main points of her speech are summarised below.

The minister began her comments by pointing out that the limited educational resources available to the government would be targeted at the following areas

Raising numeracy and literacy rates of primary school students

- National standards will be developed that describe expectations of what students should achieve and by when
- Schools will be expected to report this information to parents in clear language that states what children can do
- No single assessment or assessment system will be mandated. The objective is to use existing tools to encourage consistent practice directed towards standards as a benchmark
- Assessment will be used to provide feedback to support student learning and teacher effectiveness

Reducing underachievement (the 'long tail' of 20% = 150,000 students)

- Early identification
- Use of assessment techniques to change teaching practice
- Raising expectations about the engagement of all students

Education Review Office

- Schools with good performance and capable of self review will be visited by ERO every 5 years.



PODCASTS

Here are some interesting podcasts from a website called www.TED.com

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/gever_tulley_on_5_dangerous_things_for_kids.html

Gever Tulley talks about the five important and dangerous things that all children should do.

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talk/s/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html

Sir Ken Robinson explains why creativity and collaboration should be a greater part of the school curriculum

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talk/s/jill_bolte_taylor_s_powerful_stroke_of_insight.html

Jill Bolte Taylor provides real clarity about the significance of differences between the right and left side of the brain.

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talk/s/mihaly_csikszentmihalyi_on_flow.html

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi has coined the term 'flow' to describe his insights into workload and job satisfaction



RESIDENTIAL ONE 2009

For those that missed one of the two 2008 Residentials, the April Residential is your opportunity to make this up. It will be held at the CENTRA Auckland Airport Hotel from Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th April. Please keep these dates free in your calendar if you wish to attend. Email's with flight and accommodation information will be sent out to those eligible to attend within the next few weeks. Presenters lined up for the event include Apryll Parata, John Edwards and Mark Treadwell.

VISIBLE LEARNING

John Hattie's new book has been published



- a synthesis of over 800 meta-analyses relating to achievement

VISIBLE LEARNING presents research involving many millions of students and represents the largest ever collection of evidence-based research into what actually works in schools to improve learning.

Publisher: Routledge, London and New York

CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

presents Andy Hargreaves

The Fourth Way: the inspiring future of educational change



ANDY HARGREAVES (Professor, Boston College, USA) is renowned as one of the world's leading presenters and writers on educational leadership and change. In his new seminar, he draws from diverse international research and case studies in schools and communities. Andy's thought provoking and inspiring presentation focuses on how educational leaders successfully bring about lasting improvements and sustainable growth. He proposes a bold and better 'fourth way' for change in education by putting educators themselves at the leading edge of change to regenerate and improve society.

Join Andy Hargreaves at what will be one of New Zealand's most talked about 2009 education events!

Date: 27th February 2009

Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm

Venue: Centra Auckland Airport

Cost \$250

This event is being run in partnership with NZEALS – for all booking information for this event **only** please visit <http://www.nzeals.org.nz/fourth-way.htm> . For all other events, please visit www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uac/el

Best wishes for a highly successful and satisfying new year.

Ka kite ano

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