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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaki hou

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KIA ORA TATOU

Warm winter greetings to all of you.

Special greetings to those principals who have recently enrolled in the First-time Principals Programme. We very much look forward to meeting you at the second residential course in October.

WELCOME TO

In April you were introduced to the two newest members of the FTPP team Jill Lunn and Yohei Guy. Their appointments ended a period of several months when the programme was very well supported by Lionell Mickell and Kelly Lee. Jill and Yohei have now settled very successfully in to their roles.



YOHEI GUY

Studied at the University of Waikato, graduating with a BA(Hons) majoring in Screen and Media Studies. His employment record includes a background in Retail Management as well as Corporate and Conference Video Production. He has represented

clients such as Starbucks Coffee, Youthline NZ and the fashion label Stitch Ministry. Yohei hopes to be able to bring these skill-sets to the position in a way that will benefit the First-time Principals Programme.



JILLIAN LUNN

Jill Lunn: TTC, Grad Dip Ed Lead, M Ed Lead(Hons) is the Associate Director of the First-time Principals Programme. Previously she was a Leadership and Management facilitator with Team Solutions as part of the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland. She retains some of this work in combination with the position with the First Time Principals Programme. Jill has had recent international experience where she worked in Hong Kong for 2½ years supporting local Chinese teachers in two large schools to bring about change in the English Curriculum area. Prior to this Jill was Principal of Melville Primary School in Hamilton during which time she led her team to develop many initiatives to cater

for the diversity of the school community.

Jill began her teaching career in Gisborne and has taught in many different rural and city schools in both Gisborne and Hamilton.

FAREWELL TO

Sadly we are saying farewell our Project Coordinator Kelly Stuart who is planning to move to Australia. Kelly has been part of the FTP team since 2006. She has always been a helpful, efficient and cheerful presence for FTPs either on the telephone, via email or in person at residential courses. We have become very used to answering most questions with the phrase 'Kelly will know'. We wish her and her partner, Jason, all the best for this new phase in their lives.

Yohei Guy has agreed to accept the role of Project Co-ordinator and will continue to field all enquiries relating to any FTP issues from July 25th.

We are currently seeking a full time Projects Assistant Coordinator to replace Yohei and also to provide support for the new Educational Leadership Centre.

RESIDENTIAL COURSE ONE EVALUATION

Thank you for completing the evaluation questionnaire. Your responses have since been collated, analysed and a report written by

our research assistant Dr Connie Chai. Connie has prepared a summary and recommendations from the document which accompany this email.

Your feedback is important to the Project Team. It plays a key role in the development of the programme.

The overall course satisfaction rating was high (a median of 5.86 on a seven point scale). This continues an upward trend in satisfaction levels that is the result of previous feedback from your colleagues and consequent programme fine tuning.

FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

To qualify for the Certificate, you are encouraged and reminded to complete the two residential courses, all evaluation questionnaires, the Self Assessment of Leading Teaching and Learning (SALTAL), all mentoring programme activities, a Professional Learning Plan and a related portfolio of progress, and the online activities.

COMING SOON... RESIDENTIAL COURSE TWO

The second residential course **Consolidating your Leadership** will be held in Auckland from 9:45am Wednesday 1 October to 3:30pm Thursday 2 October. The course programme is currently being developed and your First-time Principals Advisory Group will be consulted at the drafting stage. In late August you will be able to make your option sessions selection on the web and view the complete programme.

This two day course will be busy. There will be two keynotes, three workshops, a large number of option sessions and a celebratory dinner.

In addition to presentations there will be a LeadSpace/TKI Help Desk,

book displays and mentor assistance.

Prior to the residential course you will get the opportunity to become reacquainted with your sector group colleagues via a **Sector Group Online Learning Community** based on LeadSpace. You will hear more about this soon from your Residential Two Mentor-in-Residence and the LeadSpace Team.

MENTORING

First-time principals who enrolled in term one of this year should by now have completed a School-Based Visit with their mentor and agreed on a Professional Learning Plan to guide their professional development.

Many of you will also have participated in a Professional Learning Group meeting and a LeadSpace forum.

Please contact your mentor if you have any concerns or queries about mentoring activities.

If you have recently enrolled in the programme, you should have heard from your mentor and discussed arrangements for their first school-based visit (1 day) to your school. Jill Lunn (Associate Director) will be able to assist you with any questions you may have about the mentoring programme.

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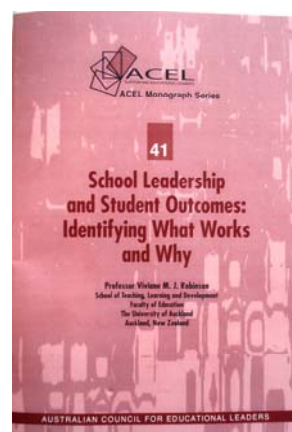
HELPFUL RESOURCES

FTPP online modules are designed to make your job a little easier. **Module One** is a guide to Planning and Reporting prepared by experienced mentor and principal, Gary Pearce.

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftpp/module1/index_e.php

Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education Dr Graeme Aitken has produced **Module Two**; an interactive resource intended to be used with your teachers as an informative stimulant for reflection about what constitutes Effective Teaching.

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftpp/module2/index_e.php



The Australian Council for Educational Leaders has published a monograph of Professor Viviane Robinson's 2007 William Walker Oration. This can be downloaded from

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/2515/13723>

Professor Helen Timperley has also had her work on *Teacher Professional Development and Learning* published internationally as part of the Educational Practice Series from the International Academy of Education

<http://www.smec.curtin.edu.au/iae/projects.cfm#edprac>

A copy of this publication has been attached to this email newsletter. Professor Timperley will also be presenting some of her work at residential two.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM MICROSOFT

Attached to this email is information about two stimulating opportunities from Microsoft that may interest you. The Innovative schools Pilot Projects and the Innovative Teachers Awards.

**Ka kite ano
John Locke (Director) & the
First-time Principals
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