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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaki hou

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KIA ORA TATOU

Greetings to all first-time principals in the 2008 cohort of the First-time Principals Programme. We trust term 2 is progressing smoothly for you. We would now like to keep you informed about the following matters:

RESIDENTIAL ONE

American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson often began conversations with acquaintances he had not seen for some time by posing the question, 'What has become clear to you since we last met?' So, after your recent residential course experience you might like to pose this question to yourself and decide how your thinking on significant issues may have changed and what actions you might subsequently take?.

Some questions you might consider:

- * Are the notes and resources I made organised in such a way that they will continue to be used?
- * What were the major priorities that emerged for me? How do they align with current programmes in the school?
- * Have I followed up promises made to colleagues at the course [for example, a resource]?
- * What things will I now stop doing, what will I continue to do and what are the new things that I might now attempt to do as a result of my new learning?
- * What use can I make of the presentations from the residential that are being progressively added

to the website? Who else might be interested in these?

Thank you for your enthusiastic and professional participation at Residential One. Having read all of the evaluations we know that you found the residential course stimulating and helpful.

A copy of the short video clip that summarises some of the main ideas dealt with during residential one is located in the FTP area of LeadSpace. In the same area John Locke is responding to questions and comments from a 'hotseat'.

RESIDENTIAL TWO

Please check that you have pencilled into your diary the dates of the second residential course:

**Wednesday 1st October–
Thursday 2nd October**, Centra Auckland Airport Hotel (2 days).
The theme for the next residential is 'Consolidating your Leadership'. We will advise you in the July NewsFirst when you should make your travel and accommodation bookings.

ADVISORY GROUP

At Residential One the following principals were elected as your representatives. We appreciate their willingness to accept this role and congratulate them:

Smallest Primary Schools
Mark Parsons, Ohangai School

Smaller Primary Schools
Maryann Roberts, Rangiwaea School

Small Primary Schools

Linda Barton, Waioneke School

Medium Primary Schools

George Danielson, Park Estate School

Large Primary & Intermediate Schools

Louise Doyle, Oaklynn School

Secondary & Area Schools

Susan Impey, Alfriston College

Kura Kaupapa Maori

Noel Te Tai, Te Kura o Waikare

RESOURCES ON THE WEB

A selection of presentations from Residential Course One are available for you to access from the LeadSpace website

<http://pen.leadspace.govt.nz/>

These resources are located in a secure password protected area of the site for copyright reasons. You will therefore need your username and password to access these.

resources. Go into the menu on the left side of the Toolbar select [First-time Principals Programme](#). Then on the left hand toolbar select [Residential Course One](#) for access to the presentations.

Please note not all presentations are on the website. More will be added as we get copyright permission from the presenters to use their

presentations. Therefore, please keep on checking the site.

If you have issues locating the First-time Principals Programme community or need a reminder of your password please email Eric Baker

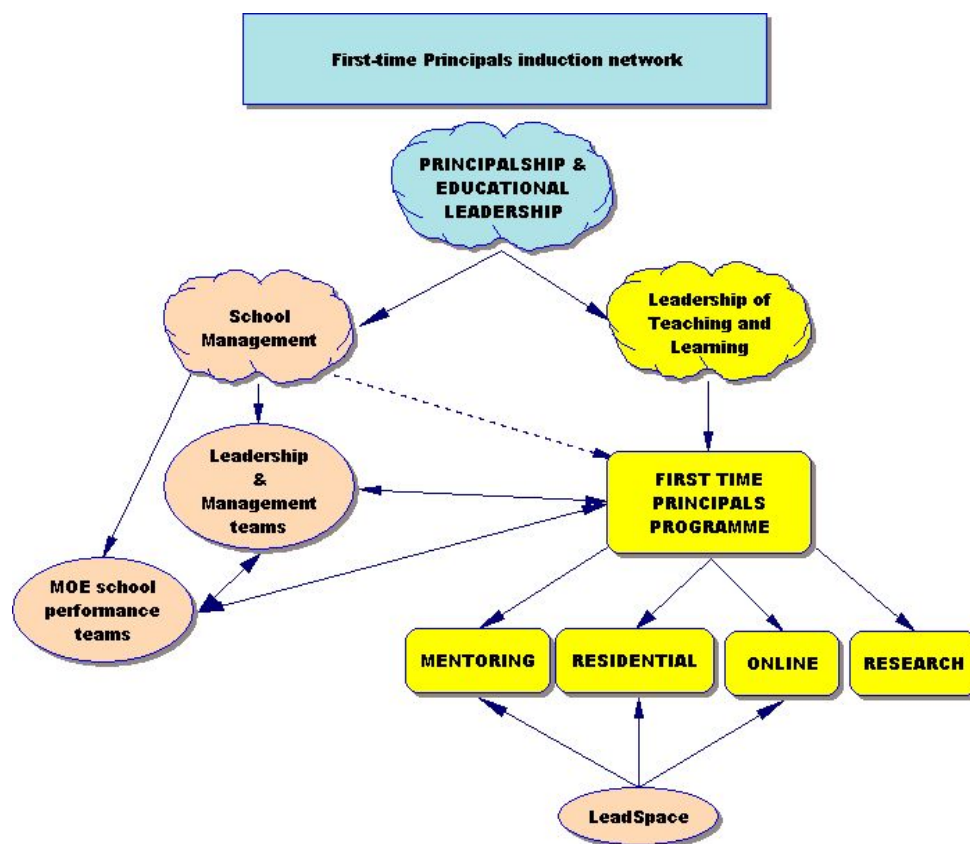
eric.baker@leadspace.school.nz

Guidelines for loading and using SKYPE can also be found in the FTP area.

First-time Principals Induction Network

Different agencies have a specific responsibility to assist the professional development of first-time principals. The diagram below may help you to understand how this support is aligned. In essence Leadership and Management Teams located in Universities and Ministry of Education School Performance

Teams deliver a regionally based curriculum that is based around School Management. *The First-time Principals Programme* has a National responsibility to focus on the Leadership of Teaching and Learning. Obviously the boundary between Management and Leadership is blurred; however the diagram does indicate areas of primary responsibility.



Thank you to our business partners for their support:



Ka kite ano
John Locke (Director) & the First-time Principals Programme Project Team