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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

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Welcome to the November edition of NewsFirst. This newsletter contains information about:

- **Lester Flockton** in a Hot seat forum on the NZC.
- Details about the application form for FTP PD time for U1 and U2 Principals.
- The FTTP move to a new location on the Epsom Campus



NZ CURRICULUM HOTSEAT

10th to 21st November 2009



LESTER FLOCKTON

Lester Flockton will be hosting a **Hot Seat forum** in the FTP section of LeadSpace to discuss with you the practicalities of NZC implementation.

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

Lester presented a very well received Option Course at Residential Course Two in October and is Senior Research Fellow and Emeritus Director,

Educational Assessment Research Unit, The University of Otago

Lester has articulated some of the core implications for **NZC Principles, Values and Key Competencies** below. He is keen to hear about your thoughts and experiences.



Principles: The school should be able to demonstrate how the principles are **seen** in practice. This need not involve documenting 'evidence on paper', although the school should be able to explain how it satisfies itself and others that the principles are at work in the curriculum.

Values: The school should be able to explain and show how it goes about **encouraging,**

modelling and exploring the values. The effectiveness of the schools approaches can be best determined by ‘evidence in practice’, rather than ‘evidence on paper’.



Key Competencies: There is no requirement to **assess and report** the Key Competencies. The requirement is to **support students to develop them**. The school’s obligation is to explain and demonstrate how it is doing that. If for particular reasons a school chooses to use some form of assessment, then students themselves should have a central role in making judgments that can be validated against agreed criteria.

Click here to participate in this discussion by making a comment or asking a question

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U1 AND U2 FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS’ DEVELOPMENT

RELEASE TIME/ STAFFING.

A copy of the application form for this release time is attached to this newsletter. The

following extract from the form explains some of the detail about this entitlement.

“Development Release Staffing will be provided to U1 and U2 schools for every day (up to 10 days) of the First Time Principal is away within the first 18 months on professional learning opportunities to improve management and professional learning leadership capability. The daily Full Time Teacher Equivalent will be 0.10 FTTE for one pay period for each qualifying day. This is the only additional staffing that will be provided to the school to assist with management and professional learning leadership capability.”



This resource is only available for specified activities. We suggest you seek advice about

this from your local NZEI or MOE representative for a comprehensive interpretation.

FTPP MOVING HOME

By Xmas we hope to be established in a new location as part of the new University of Auckland Centre for Educational Leadership. Our new home will be what is now known as Y block.

We will still be on the Epsom Campus with access is from Epsom Road (Gate 5).

We will be much easier to find and there is plenty of visitor car parking very close to the new building.

Best wishes

John Locke & the Project Team at The University of Auckland

