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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

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## KIA ORA TATOU

Warm winter greetings to all of you! We trust that this term is progressing smoothly for you. We would now like to keep you informed about the following matters:



- ✓ PLG 1
- ✓ PLG 2
- ✓ PLG3
- ✓ School-based visit 2

- Completion of a portfolio demonstrating your progress in implementing your PLP goals, as confirmed by your mentor
- Viewing either of the online modules
  - Planning and Reporting
  - Teaching Effectiveness

As previously stated, there is no pressure or requirement for you to complete the new National Certificate requirements. It is an optional recognition and acknowledgement available to you if you wish.

Those FTPs who do not complete all activities will receive a First-time Principals Programme participation certificate provided that both residential courses have been attended.

Certificates will be sent to your mentor around mid-September. They will be making arrangements with you for their presentation.

## OCTOBER RESIDENTIAL

For those with a Residential Course still to complete, the October Residential Course Two (1st & 2nd) provides another opportunity. Eligible Principals will be contacted via email with details but if you would like to confirm you are on the masterlist, please email Yohei Guy at [y.guy@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:y.guy@auckland.ac.nz)

## BUILDING TRUST

As Michael Fullen (2008) says 'There are three Rs in leadership,

Relationships, Relationships and Relationships or maybe four and the fourth one is Relationships too".

A new resource entitled *Building Trust* has been developed by Professor Viviane Robinson and the FTTP team; it will be released online at Residential Course Two. The module will be accessible in the same way as FTTP modules 1 and 2 via our website [www.firstprincipals.ac.nz](http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz)

The resource is mixed media and includes a background paper, a PowerPoint and a 20 minute video. Principals will be able to use the resources to improve their understanding of how the practice of Open to Learning Conversations builds trusting relationships in schools.

## LEARNING WITH WEB 2

Debbie Corder described in a recent Education Review article (no 26, July 10) how she uses web 2 tools with her students.

I use blogs to foster student reflection and dialogue, wikis to manage group work and foster collaborative learning. Skype to bring external professionals into the classroom, and am trialling the use of virtual learning environment (Second Life) for out-of-class intercultural experiences and student exchanges.

## RESOURCES

Many of you will be familiar with the Shift Happens video clip [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeoKQbT8BKs&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeoKQbT8BKs&NR=1)

The following URL looks at Leadership through a similar simplified and generalised format. Nevertheless it

## NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

During your participation in the First-time Principals Programme you have been encouraged to complete all of the main components to be eligible to receive the National Certificate for First-time Principals Programme Completion.

To be eligible to receive the Certificate, a first-time principal will:

- Completion of SALTAL following your enrolment confirmation
- Completion of Residential Courses One and Two (full duration)
- Completion of the evaluation questionnaire, for Residential Courses One and Two.
- A documented (PLP) Professional Learning Plan
- Completion of the mentoring programme activities
  - ✓ School-based visit 1

serves as a useful reminder about the significance of what leaders do (6.02 minutes)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuuTIQ0FzEU>

The next clip provides a summary of three major issues associated with '21st century learning'. The learning space, learning with others and global communication. (4.14 minutes)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yCB4i7GJuM&feature=fvw>

Here are some important URLs to

keep handy near your desktop  
<http://kahikitia.minedu.govt.nz/kahikitia/default.htm>

<http://keycompetencies.tki.org.nz/>

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards.aspx>

National Standards for Primary and Intermediate schools are to be gazetted in October.

**All of us in the FTPP team wish you well in your continuing Principalship and invite you to maintain contact with us.**

**Ka kite ano  
 John Locke & the First-time Principals Programme**

Timeline for implementing National Standards	
Oct 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Standards are gazetted, published and distributed to schools</li> <li>Boards include implementing National Standards as a priority in their 2010 charters</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards come into effect and schools are required to use them to guide teaching and learning</li> <li>Schools report to parents about their child's progress and achievement against the standards</li> <li>Schools develop their 2011 charters, which will include baseline data and targets against National Standards</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools work with the standards and report to parents about their child's progress and achievement against the standards</li> <li>Schools work to National Standards targets set out in their 2011 charters</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry receives annual reports that include school-level data against targets set for National Standards achievement</li> </ul>