

# NewsFirst|08

THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaki hou

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## KIA ORA TATOU

Greetings to all of you! We trust you have all had time to rest and reflect after Residential Course 2, and hope that this term is progressing smoothly for you.



## RESIDENTIAL COURSE TWO

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in residential course two. Your evaluation of the components of the programme will play a key part in the design of further residential courses

## PRESENTATIONS

Some presenters have allowed us to place copies of their

PowerPoints on the residential course two page of the FTP section of LeadSpace. Presentations currently available are:

**Graeme Aitken**  
[Leading and Teaching](#)

**David Eddy**  
[Tackling Tough Issues](#)

**John Locke**  
[Sustainable leadership](#)

**Brian Annan**  
[Schooling improvement in NZ.](#)

**Dr. Richard Hamilton**  
[How People Learn](#)

**Arna Graham-Sommerville**  
[Revised Curriculum](#)

**Rachel Bolstad**  
[21st Century Learning](#)

**Helen Timperley**  
[Building professional knowledge through inquiry into practice](#)

**Te Arani Barrett**  
[Improving Māori student achievement in Te Kotahitanga schools](#)

## SECTOR GROUP ONLINE COMMUNITIES

Residential courses are effective in establishing the professional networks that will sustain your career.



We have established sector group communities in the FTP section of LeadSpace to continue the conversations and professional relationships begun at residential courses. Material has been placed in each community space to foster reflection and discussion about the New Zealand Curriculum 2007.

To support these discussions **Lester Flockton** has agreed to be guest expert in the FTP 'hotseat' from 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November.

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

## ENHANCEMENT TO THE MENTORING PROGRAMME

We are currently involved in very positive negotiations with the MoE about ways to extend the mentoring programme to increase the amount of face to face contact between mentors and First-time Principals.

The proposed changes will apply to the 2008 cohort in 2009 and are likely to take the form of a third Professional Learning Group meeting and an additional mentor visit to each FTP at the end of the 18 month induction period. Further details will be provided soon.



## APRIL RESIDENTIAL

For those with a Residential Course still to complete, the April meeting (15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>) provides another opportunity. Eligible Principals will be contacted via email with details but if you would like to confirm you are on the master-list, please email Yohei Guy at [y.guy@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:y.guy@auckland.ac.nz)

## POROPOROAKI

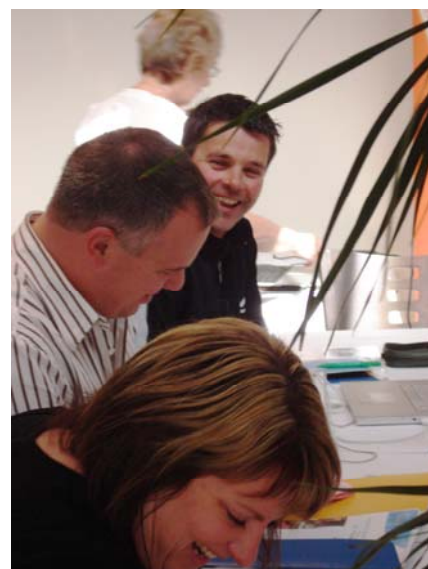
Max Thompson (Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Matai) led the Poroporoaki at the closing of Residential course 2. Max has provided the following background to the spiritual purpose of the Poroporoaki and its relationship to the Powhiri or Whakatau.

*'The Poroporoaki is the final stage of the Powhiri process. The Tangata Whenua Welcome/Powhiri/ Whakatau us the Manuhiri. The coming together of two separate entities, two separate Mauri.*

*The sharing of kai immediately after the formalities symbolically negates any tapu or uncommonness that exists to a state of noa, or a state of inclusion, commonness, of us all being one.*

*By this being done the Tangata Whenua have agreed that for the duration of the hui/residential, the Manuhiri take guardianship of the Mauri that now permeates the gathering, both in a physical sense (whare/buildings) and in a spiritual sense, Mauri becomes united.*

*I suppose you can look at the Poroporoaki as being an undoing, a returning to a state that once was prior to the hui/residential. The Manuhiri, who during the hui looked after the Mauri, now return that Mauri back to the Tangata Whenua. The difference now being, that that Mauri has been enhanced by the mere fact of us collectively being there. An acknowledgement of thanks, and farewell as the two entities now part their separate ways.'*



Ka kite ano

John Locke & the First-time Principals Programme

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