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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaaki hou

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## KIA ORA TATO

Warm winter greetings to all of you! We trust that the second term went well and you are now enjoying a much deserved holiday break.

We would like to draw the following matters to your attention:

### ACTIVITY COMPLETION

By now you would have completed or will soon be completing final mentoring activities. You should all have completed 2 or 3 PLGs. If you have not completed PLG 3 now is the time to get this organised. You should also have set a date for your final school based visit if this has not yet occurred. If you are at all concerned about your level of completion please contact your mentor or the Director / Associate Director of the Programme.



### 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.

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
  - ✓ PLG 1
  - ✓ PLG 2
  - ✓ PLG 3
  - ✓ School-based visit 2
- Completion of a portfolio demonstrating your progress in implementing your PLP goals, as confirmed by your mentor
- Viewing the online modules
  - Planning and Reporting
  - Teaching Effectiveness
  - Building Relational Trust

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES

Certificates will be sent to your mentor once all of your activities are completed. They will be making arrangements with you for their presentation.



## SEPTEMBER RESIDENTIAL

For those with a Residential Course still to complete, Residential Course Two in September (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<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 masterlist, please email Yohei Guy at [y.guy@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:y.guy@auckland.ac.nz)

## LEADING TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH ICT

The latest SET magazine (No 1, 2010) has an interesting article from Rachel Bolstad and Magdelene Lin: Virtual Classrooms, Lessons for teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

[http://www.nzcer.org.nz/default.php?products\\_id=2587](http://www.nzcer.org.nz/default.php?products_id=2587)

## NEW VIDEOS ON VIMEO!

Two new videos have now been uploaded on the FTTP Vimeo site.



<http://www.vimeo.com/firstprincipals/>

They are the Apryll Parata Keynote Highlights & John Edwards Keynote Highlights, both from Residential course One 2010. Each video has a duration of about 10 minutes and is designed to be used as a discussion stimulant.

Because these videos have been labelled as 'private' they are only accessible through the links below



John Edward's video is at

<http://www.vimeo.com/13088533>

The password is Edwards2010



Apryll Parata's video is at

<http://vimeo.com/13094036>

The password is Parata2010

Both presenters have granted us the use of these videos for FTP purposes only. We ask that you please respect this condition.

## USEFUL URLS

Resources from Residential Course One are available online at the First-time Principals Programme website. Following the link below will take you to the appropriate page.

<http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz/login.cfm?page=proResources.htm>

First-time Principal Programme modules are available on the educational leaders website

FTTP module 1

[http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module1/index\\_e.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module1/index_e.php)

FTTP module 2

[http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module2/index\\_e.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module2/index_e.php)

FTTP module 3

[http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module3/index\\_e.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module3/index_e.php)

You may choose to visit the First-time Principals Programme on facebook to see photos from Residential course 1 at:



<http://www.facebook.com>

Search for 'First-time Principals Programme' within facebook and become a friend.

You can also follow First-time Principals Programme alerts on Twitter.



[http://twitter.com/FTTP\\_UACEL](http://twitter.com/FTTP_UACEL)



<http://wordle.net>. Wordle is a way of generating 'word clouds' from text.

## UACEL SEMINAR WITH FRANK CROWTHER

Join one of Australia's most influential and respected educators and presenters for a memorable day that will motivate and engage you in how to develop leadership capacity in your school for the improvement of student outcomes

Frank Crowther will illustrate the concept of "parallel leadership" through his extensive experiences with the IDEAS Project that has been implemented in several hundred schools in Australia and Internationally. Recent research has shown how the leadership capacity-building model embedded in the IDEAS Project has increased professional trust and school-wide responsibility, enhanced teacher practice in classrooms, improved student engagement and learning, and significantly improved student achievement.



Auckland 9 August/ Christchurch 10 August/ Rotorua 12 August/ Napier-Hastings 13 August 2010

Further information and bookings at [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uacel](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uacel) or [uacel@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:uacel@auckland.ac.nz) or phone (09) 623 8899 ext 48438

# MAKOARE PARANGI



It is with considerable sadness and shock that I report the sudden death of Makoare (Mak) Parangi, principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Rangiawhia. Mak was one of our 2009 cohort of first-time principals and attended Residential course 2 in 2009 and Residential course 1 in 2010.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July Mak suffered what is believed to be a major heart attack. The Tangi was held at Whitiara Marae, Te Tii (near Kerikeri in the Far North).

A wreath from all those associated with the First-time Principals Programme was sent to Whitiara Marae with the following words

*E te Rangatira, kua tau mai te piwairaka ki runga ki taku pokowhiwhi te mohio te mauri o tona taunga mai, he mokemoke, he tangi, he pouri, te tohu oti ra tona taunga mai ko te wairua i uru ki roto ki ahau e ki ana haere ki te po uriuri ki te po tangotango ki te po aue ai te moe. No reira e moe moe mai ra.*

*Farewell from all associated with the First-time Principals Programme. Rest in Peace.*

A rough translation reads “The fantail has landed on my shoulder bringing its message of loneliness, grief and sadness at your passing”.

**Ka kite ano**

**John Locke (Director) & the First-time Principals Programme Project Team**