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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaki hou

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KIA ORA TATO

Warm winter greetings and welcome to your July edition of NewsFirst2010. A special greeting to those that have recently enrolled in the First-time Principals Programme. We look forward to meeting you at the September Residential and hope the new term goes well for you.

In this month's edition we especially highlight the arrangements for Residential Course Two, now just a couple of months away. **Please note that there are actions you now need to take**, such as booking your accommodation and travel arrangements. As the course is in the school holidays, it is important that if air travel is required, you book your preferred flights as soon as possible.



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

It is important that you read the attached **Guidelines for Travel & Accommodation for all Residential Courses** as it explains how to make your travel bookings.

Please complete the **APX Travel Electronic Flight Request Form**. It is important that you make flight reservations as soon as possible. As the course is being held in the school holidays, it is expected that flights could shortly become heavily booked.

You will then need to email this flight request form to APX Travel uoagroups@apx.co.nz with your flight details. Please consider your flight arrangements carefully as the details on the Flight Request Form will be used to book your final flights.

You will then be emailed an electronic ticket. Once you have received your electronic ticket any alterations and associated costs will be at your own personal cost.



Early booking enables us to make significant savings in travel costs that can then be spent on furthering the programme offered. We thank you in anticipation for booking early. If making flight arrangements, Please allow at least 30 minutes to travel from the airport to the hotel venue on arrival. For departure, allow at least 45 minutes for travel from the hotel

venue to the airport and check in time when selecting your flights.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

The hotel venue for this residential course in Auckland is the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel. **It is important that you read the attached Accommodation Request Form and fax your completed form not later than Friday 27th August to (09) 373 8781.**



ARRIVING THE PRIOR EVENING

Please note the First-time Principals Programme can only cover the cost of the accommodation on Wednesday 29th September. The FTTP is unable to cover an extra nights accommodation costs. If you require extra nights accommodation this will need to be indicated on the Accommodation request form & signed for. This charge will be payable to the Holiday Inn Auckland Airport Hotel on checkout. (approx \$147 per night, breakfast and GST inclusive in this rate.) However, if you are unable to arrive in Auckland before 10.30am (due to your remoteness from the course venue

and consequent travel arrangements), an application can be made in writing to the Director (John Locke) for additional FFTP funded accommodation.

Please direct these to Project Co-ordinator Yohei Guy at y.guy@auckland.ac.nz



UNABLE TO ATTEND THE COURSE?

Please remember that if you are unable to attend the residential course, it is important that you inform Yohei Guy (Project Coordinator) with your reason **no later than Friday 27th August**. *This is an important procedure; otherwise you could incur the cost of the accommodation and meals arranged on your behalf.* A participant who is unable to attend the course for an acceptable reason will have the opportunity to attend the equivalent course in 2011.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED ELP?

Please remember that it is vital to complete the online ELP (Educational Leadership Practices) questionnaire when your enrolment is confirmed and **PRIOR** to your mentor's School-based Visit. Instructions on how to complete this are in the Welcome Edition of NewsFirst2010. Your responses to the questionnaire are fundamental to the discussion you will have with your mentor about your goals and the development of your Professional Learning Plan.

MENTORING

First-time principals who enrolled in term one of this year should by now have completed a School-Based Visit with their mentor and agreed on a Professional Learning Plan to guide their professional development. Many of you will also have participated in a Professional Learning Group.

Please contact your mentor if you have any concerns or queries about mentoring activities.

If you have recently enrolled in the programme, you should have heard from your mentor and discussed arrangements for their first school-based visit (1 day) to your school. Jacqui Patuawa (Associate Director) will be able to assist you with any questions you may have about the mentoring programme.

j.patuawa@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 21st century.

http://www.nzcer.org.nz/default.php?products_id=2587

NEW VIDEOS ON VIMEO!

Two new videos have now been uploaded on the FFTP 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 reminder and 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 delivers her Keynote Address on Creating Cultural Connections Programme April Residential 2010

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

FFTP module 1

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module1/index_e.php

FFTP module 2

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/governance/ftp/module2/index_e.php

FFTP module 3

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/FTPP_UACEL

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



SECTOR GROUP Google WAVES

Over the next few weeks we will be establishing new 'Waves' for each sector group to provide an online venue for comments, questions and discussion before, during and after Residential Course 2.

Your Mentor-in-residence will invite you to Wave using your normal email address (a recent improvement).

We encourage you to 'give it a go' and at the same time reflect on how Waves might assist you in your leadership role.

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 or 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 5th 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).



(Mak at Res One 2010)

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**