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THE FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME

He Hōtaka mō ngā Tumuaiki hou

MAY 2010

KIA ORA TATO

Greetings to all first-time principals in the 2010 cohort of the First-time Principals Programme.

We trust term 2 is progressing smoothly for you. We would now like to keep you informed about the following matters:



RESIDENTIAL ONE

American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson often began conversations with acquaintances he had not seen for some time by posing the question, 'What has become clear to you since we last met?'

So, after your recent residential course experience you might like to pose this question to yourself and decide how your thinking on significant issues may have changed and what actions you might subsequently take?

Some questions you might consider:

- Are the notes and resources I made organised in such a way that they will continue to be used?
- What were the major priorities that emerged for me? How do they align with current programmes in the school?

- Have I followed up promises made to colleagues at the course [for example, a resource]?
- Have I participated in my sector group wave?
- What things will I now stop doing, what will I continue to do and what are the new things that I might now attempt to do as a result of my new learning?
- What use can I make of the presentations from the residential that are being progressively added to the website? Who else might be interested in these?



Thank you for your enthusiastic and professional participation at Residential One. Having read all of the evaluations we now know in which ways you found the residential course stimulating and helpful. These evaluations will impact on the design of residential course two in September. We are in 'Wave' contact with the FTP 10 Advisory Group members about the September Residential Course programme.

ADVISORY GROUP

At Residential One the following principals were elected as your representatives. We appreciate their willingness to accept this role and congratulate them:

Smallest Primary Schools
Tanya Bunny

Smaller Primary Schools
Cheryl Collins

Small Primary Schools
Linda Jefferies

Medium Primary Schools
Regan Orr

Large Primary & Intermediate Schools
Martyn Weatherill

Secondary & Area Schools
Neil Harry

Maori Medium
Amiria Stirling

RESIDENTIAL TWO

Please check that you have pencilled into your diary the dates of the second residential course:

Wednesday 29th September – Thursday 30th September at the Auckland Airport Holiday Inn.

The theme for the next residential is 'Consolidating your Leadership'. We will advise you in the July NewsFirst when you should make your travel and accommodation bookings.

ONLINE MODULES AND VIDEOS

Three modules are currently available. Module one is by Gary Pearce on 'Planning and reporting', Module two is by Grahame Aitken on 'Teaching Effectiveness' and Module three by Professor Viviane Robinson 'Building Trust in Schools through Open to Learning Conversations.'

The Modules be accessed either through the FTP page on the MoE website

www.educationalleaders.govt.nz

or via the FTTP website

<http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz/learning.htm>

There are also two Video Highlights from Keynote Speeches delivered at Residential Course Two in 2009.

Professor John Hattie and Graeme Aitken.

These can be viewed at

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

The FTTP team is currently developing further video highlights from the Keynote speeches delivered at Residential Course One in April 2010. We will Tweet notifications as these become available.



SKYPE, TWITTER AND WAVE

Please ensure that you are registered for these useful communication packages. Guidelines for joining these sites can be downloaded from the FTTP website

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

'igoogle' is another helpful piece of free software that can assist you to

efficiently organise your computer desktop display.

APRIL/MAY TWEETS FROM UACELFTPP

1. <http://www.vimeo.com/10688862> Recently added Graeme Aitken speaking at Residential Two 2009 on Student Feedback
2. <http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz/login.cfm?page=proResources.htm> Login for Skype/gmail/ wave/twitter guides plus other Res 1 Resources
3. Photos from Residential Course One 2010 now online on our Facebook page. Type 'first-time principals programme' in Facebook search to see!
4. More presentations from Res 1 2010 have now been added at <http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz/login.cfm?page=proResources.htm> Login to see!
5. The Reg Tchr Criteria coupled with the ELP create a framework for school-wide self review that includes detailed evaluation of tchr quality.
6. The 'Leading Change' (from KLP) page is now up on Educational Leaders at <http://www.educationalleaders.govt.nz/Leading-change>
7. A link to how principals can access NZEI support about any issues of concern <http://www.nzei.org.nz/Principals/Principals+campaign.html>
8. New Powerpoints developed by Experienced Mentors for FTPs now available on FTTP website through Programme Resources. See next tweet for URL
9. Click on <http://www.firstprincipals.ac.nz/login.cfm?page=proResources.htm> Go to Residential Resources page and click 'other'

10. UACELFTPP Powerpoints (7 total) include: (1) Educational Pathways towards Worthwhile Quals, (2) Managing Workload, (3) Getting the best from Staff,...
11. cont'd... (4) Planning and Reporting, (5) Teaching Effectiveness, (6) Self Review Tools, (7) Ka Hikitia

To see our Tweets as soon as they are posted, register on Twitter at www.twitter.com and choose to 'follow' UACELFTPP



FIRST-TIME PRINCIPALS INDUCTION NETWORK

Different agencies have specific responsibilities to assist the professional development of first-time principals.

The diagram below may help you to understand how this support is aligned.

Leadership and Management Teams located in Universities and **Regional Ministry of Education School Performance Teams** deliver a regionally based curriculum that is based around School Management.

The First-time Principals Programme has a National responsibility to focus on the Leadership of Teaching and Learning. Obviously the boundary between Management and Leadership is blurred; however the diagram does indicate areas of primary responsibility.

Ka kite ano
John Locke (Director) & the First-time Principals Project Team

