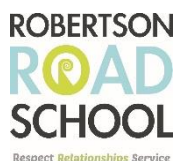


# Whakatipu Akoranga Kahui Ako

## NEWSLETTER

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### Achievement Challenge

The main document setting out our Community of Learning vision and work aspirations, our Achievement Challenge, was endorsed last week by the Minister of Education. We are delighted this was endorsed prior to the election as we thought it may have been held up for 2 months until parliament reconvened. There are four strategic Goals:

- A. Student Agency** - To deliberately increase levels of student agency of all students, especially boys' agency, by supporting teachers to introduce and/or build on existing effective strategies.
- B. Teaching As Inquiry** - To raise the achievement levels for all students in writing by building teachers' capacity to implement sustained effective practice using inquiry and digital tools as key transformation levers.
- C. Effective Pedagogy for Valued Outcomes for Diverse learners** - Enable greater numbers of Māori and Pasifika students (particularly boys) to enjoy and achieve educational success with the support of their families/whānau through increased cultural responsiveness by teachers.
- D. Strengthening Leadership Capability that focuses on the Leadership Conditions for Improvement** - To build leadership capacity so that relational trust at all levels of the Kāhui Ako community supports openness, collaboration, risk taking, and receptiveness to change and improvement, with urgency.

The final copy of the Achievement Challenge is available on our website [www.mscol.org](http://www.mscol.org).

### Dr Alison Davis our Expert Partner

We are delighted to have Dr Alison Davis working with us as an expert partner. Alison is a world leader in literacy education. She completed her PhD from Auckland University in 2006 and is author of nine teaching resources. She has led a large number of initiatives in New Zealand, Australia, Asia and Middle East. She currently leads Vision Education PLD team and is on the monitoring and evaluation team for the Teacher Led Innovation Fund.

### Across COL positions

Three positions have been filled leaving one position available. Applications are open for this remaining position until Tuesday 17 October.

### Within School positions

Schools have now received applications for the Within School positions and are proceeding with interviews and appointments.

### Moderation Day 24 October – Year 1 to 8 Teachers

The programme for our first staff National Standards moderation day will be hosted by Koru School on 24 October starting at 9am. All teachers teaching years 1 to 8 classes have been asked to submit writing samples in preparation. Dr Alison Davis will present a seminar on how to be a high quality teacher of writing. There will be an opportunity to clarify National Standards writing assessments through a collaborative moderation session and there will also be a time to consider evaluation of student agency and student engagement.

## Plans for term 4

We will begin planning for 2018 in term 4 and implement our strategies to improve our students writing, especially boys. We want every student in our Kāhui Ako to:

- Be strong in their national and cultural identity.
- Aspire for themselves.
- Have the choice and opportunity to be the best they can be.
- Be an active participant and citizen in creating a strong society.
- Be productive, valued and competitive in the world.

## Governance Advisory Group

Purpose: To provide governance support for the Community of Learning.

- Provide governance support to the Community of Learning Leader
- Provide feedback to our boards of trustees & school staff
- Assist with reviewing of progress against Achievement Plan goals
- Provide feedback from each schools boards of trustees to the governance group
- Employment of CoL Leader and Across CoL Leaders (x4) and Expert Partner
- Ratify the CoL annual budget and receive financial reports
- Meet with representatives from Te Wai-o-hui who are the Mana whenua and our Treaty partners

Membership:

Community of Learning Leader, Community of Learning Leader's Board of Trustees Chairperson, School Principals plus one School Trustee representative and a Mana whenua representative.

## Development Group

Special thanks for the hard work and vision of this group in establishing our Achievement Challenge.



Robin Staples

**Kahui Ako Leader - Wakatipu Akoranga**

**Principal, Southern Cross Campus**