

**Whakatipu Akoranga Kāhui Ako Newsletter
Number 2 May 2017**

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Without the community of learning there will be no success.**



Kia ora Board of Trustee members, my fellow principal colleagues, staff & community members of Koru Primary School, Robertson Road Primary School, Southern Cross Campus, Sutton Park Primary School and Mangere East Primary School.

I am very pleased to report that great progress has been made since my last newsletter to you all in Term 4 2016. Our working groups completed a fantastic job in scoping the vision, values and purpose of our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) as well as defining our Kāhui Ako Achievement Challenge. Members of our working groups presented this plan to their staff to seek their feedback, which was then passed on to me for consideration/action.

In early May, teachers' from all our schools came to a hui at Mangere East School where representatives from the Ministry of Education, our working groups and myself, further shared the intentions and outcomes of our achievement plan and where we were up to in terms of getting our plan approved and key appointments made.

Principals have been asked to share our draft plan with all Boards and we particularly seek your feedback on the purpose/role of our Kāhui Ako Governance Group. If Principals could send me this feedback by the 16th June that would be greatly appreciated.

At this point in time, our Kāhui Ako Achievement Challenge states that by 2020, 85% of students in Year 13 will achieve NCEA Level 3 and further details about this goal, and how our four theories of improvement will support this goal, is outlined in our draft achievement challenge.

I wish to acknowledge Te Wai o Hua as the Iwi of our area and confirm that they will be valued partners in our Kāhui Ako. I also wish to thank them for gifting our name 'Whakatipu Akoranga', translated meaning 'Growing Together' and the Whakatauki: Tuu kootahi taatou, wehe ka ngaro, translated meaning; Unless you stand together, consider the attempt for success a failure. Without the community of learning there will be no success.

Work is progressing well in terms of getting our draft achievement plan ready to be sent to the Ministry of Education in Wellington for approval. It is anticipated this will be within the next couple of weeks.

Our Kāhui Ako has been resourced with four across school leaders. Once appointed these four leaders will be released two days a week from their classroom teaching roles to work in classrooms across our Kāhui Ako. Applications for these roles close on Friday 9th June. All teachers have been given a copy of the application form so that they are fully aware of the leadership roles we will be expecting.

At the same time, each school is also inviting applications for the in school leadership roles. Your principal will be able to advise you on how many positions will be available in your school. With both the across and in school roles, it is anticipated that interviews will be completed by the end of June and positions ratified once our Whakatipu Akoranga Achievement plan has been approved by the Ministry of Education.

As reported in our first newsletter, we have established a Governance Reference Group to which I report back to on the goals and progress within our achievement plan. This reference group is led by Mr Robin Staples, Principal at Southern Cross Campus. Robin is available to answer any strategic queries that will arise as our Kāhui Ako begins to implement our achievement plan. Initial contact with Robin around these queries can be made via the following email: RStaples@southerncross.school.nz

All Board members from each of our schools, along with the principals and members of each schools leadership teams are invited to a **powhiri at Makaurau Marae on Monday 26th June at 9:00am**. Following the powhiri we will have a cuppa then korero back in the wharenuī relating to our relationship with Te Wai o Hua and a symbolic signing of our Whakatipu Akoranga- Kahui Ako (our Community of Learning Achievement Plan). **Could principals please email me numbers attending for each school by Thursday 22nd June, thank you.**

Finally, I have advised the Governance group that I have tendered by resignation as Whakatipu Akoranga Kāhui Ako Leader effective 23rd July 2017 as I take up my new leadership position at Beachlands Primary School in Term 3. We hope the new leader for our Kāhui Ako will be announced before the end of this term.

I wish to thank all members of the Governance group (and that of the Ministry of Education and Independent Advisor) for your support of my leadership which I have greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing the many successes you will be having as our achievement plan comes into life commencing Term 3 2017.

Ngā mihi

Anthony Noble-Campbell
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