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Important Dates

Please remember to submit Requests for Support by 3pm the Thursday before allocation on the following Wednesday.

16 June 2022: SENCO PD

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana - Welcome to Manawanui Term 2 Newsletter

Cluster Manager Comment

It has been exciting to be part of teams welcoming students back and looking at how to best re-engage students in their learning. RTLB have shared how energising it is to be back working across schools in our Cluster.

This Term we welcome 2 new RTLB to Manawanui. Simon Hay joins us from Koru and Marjorie Rinckes joins us from an LSC position in Howick. Both bring skills and strengths to our Cluster.

Schoolgate and Caregiver Emails

Part of our commitment under He Pikorua (our practice framework) is to partner with whanau. On case closure we would like to send a short survey to families. To do this we are asking that emails are included in student details when information is entered onto the database. We acknowledge that this is not always possible but would appreciate as many of our families to have their emails in the student information as possible.

Wednesday Workshops

Our pop-up Wednesday afternoon workshops begin this week. Thank you for all your interest and registrations for workshops in Term 2. In week 5 we will send out the timetable for Term 3. We are very happy to get suggestions about possible topics and we will do our best to include these suggestions in the timetable.

SENCO PLD

Our SENCO PD sessions are up and running again and our first session for this year will be in week 7, Thursday 16 June at 12:30 – 3:00pm at the Ministry of Education Learning Support Office (16 Bishop Dunn Place, Flatbush). We are looking forward to meeting face to face and reconnecting. Please save the date and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Leadership Team Visits

Thank you to those Leadership Teams who have already accepted my invitation and met with me. Over Term 2 and 3 I will be arranging times to meet with Leadership Teams at schools. This is an opportunity for me to gather information about what schools feel are priorities in inclusive education and to understand individual school needs. Your time to meet is much appreciated.

Inclusive Education Guides

A reminder that there are 29 guides available <https://inclusive.tki.org.nz/>. These guides support schools to provide inclusive environments and to adapt learning so that all students can experience success. Each guide outlines strategies that can be adopted to better support students with diverse needs. The Dyslexia and Learning Guide has recently been updated and is worth taking a look at if you are thinking about reviewing literacy in your school.

LSF

A friendly reminder to remember to send through invoices for LSF so we can pay the invoices and keep up to date.

IY

Please refer to the IY Newsletter attached for all the latest news and updates.

Tamara Gersbach
RTLB Cluster Manager

Staffing: There are no vacancies currently

Term 2, 2022 - Incredible Years Newsletter

Kia ora Principals and SENCOs,

We hope you are well, had a relaxing holiday break and a great start to Term 2.

Term 1 went by quickly. The Cluster 10 IY Team did a great job at delivering the IY programmes online using the Zoom platform. The feedback from teachers was positive with lots of new learning taking place. With New Zealand now at Orange Light settings, we are now running all IY Programmes face to face. We are encouraging mask use and asking teachers to wear masks in workshop sessions in Term 2.



News and Updates:

New IY Facilitators - We welcome Ben Afele and Tauai Salelea-Manson to the IY Team. They completed their training in Term 1 and will be delivering future IYT workshops. We also welcome Marjorie Rinckes who has joined our Cluster and is a trained IY facilitator.



Incredible Years Teacher Programme 2 facilitated by Karen Otway and Laura Campbell has got off to a great start with three more workshops this term. The feedback from teachers enrolled so far has been positive.

Incredible Years Autism Programme for Teachers and Teacher Aides (IYAT) - Amanda Bell and Susan Knowles completed online zoom sessions for their 2021 programme in Term 1. The Term 2 programme commenced on 13 May. We will be offering another IYAT programme in Term 3. More information about this will be emailed later this term.

Managing Behaviour Positively - Teacher Aide workshops - we will offer Teacher Aide workshops in Term 3. More information about these workshops will be emailed later this term.

Other Information

If a teacher is enrolled in the Incredible Years Programme, we would like the teacher to be offered the option to be referred to the RTLB service for one term, once the IY course finishes. The IY facilitators will be allocated these referrals and will be able to support the teacher/s with implementing and embedding IY strategies in their classroom and provide coaching support. This will give teachers more confidence to continue using what they have learned in the IY workshops, making IY more sustainable in their classroom.

Important Term 2 dates:

IY Programme 2

Workshop 5 - June 2
Workshop 6 - June 16

IYAT

Session 1 - May 13
Session 2 - May 20
Session 3 - May 27
Session 4 - June 3
Session 5 - June 10
Session 6 - June 17