

Te Puāwaitanga o te Māhuri Tōtara Newsletter

Term one, 2023



ASL REPORT

Term 1 has been a busy term and the kura within our Kāhui Ako are buzzing with lots of learning and amazing opportunities for our tamariki. It has been wonderful to be in our kura once again and seeing the tamariki thriving within their spaces. We have seen exciting practise from our kaiako and believe that the opportunities tamariki are presented with inside and outside of the classroom are providing rich learning opportunities.

At the end of 2022, we farewelled our Lead Principal, Tania Morrison. She took up a principal's position at Putaruru Primary School. We would like to acknowledge Tania for her dedication to our Kāhui Ako and her commitment to our community. We know that she will be continue to her amazing leadership in her new kura.

We have had many changes in our Within School Lead team. We wish to acknowledge Jonas Bucher, Maggie Clarence, Nikki Putoko and Mata Tuau for their dedication to their kura over the time that they were WSLs. We are grateful for your expertise and empowering others within our Kāhui Ako mahi. We wish you all well in your new adventures. We would like to welcome aboard Blair Harper, Stephanie Preston, Cameron Brown, and Shannon Mato. We are very excited to have you all on board and look forward to working together over your new journeys.

We also welcome Jason Jowett to our Across School Lead team. Jason brings with him expertise in secondary school education, leadership experience and a wealth of historical knowledge. We are excited to have Jason on board and look forward to our journey ahead.



Strong hearts

Strong minds

Strong communities.



SUZANNE MARIASSOUCÉ - LEAD PRINCIPAL



Ko Tainui te waka
Ko Kaori te maunga
Kawhia moana, Kawhia Kai, Kawhia tangata te wāhi
Ko Aotea te wahapu
Ko Patu Pō
Ko Ngāti Te Wehi Ngāti Hīkairoa oku hapu
Ko Okapu, Waipapa, Mokai kainga, Māketu nga marae
Ko Tua rāua ko Whākamiri oku tupuna
Ko Epiha raua ko Trisha oku mātua
Ko Martin toku tane
Ko Suzanne Mariassoucé tōku ingoa
Ko au te tumuaki o te Kura Waenganui o Tokoroa
I am currently the Principal at Tokoroa Intermediate.

I have a passion for learning and believe every child has the right to learn in an environment that is inclusive of their needs.

Learning is a natural process that has existed since the beginning of time. As a community of schools it is about providing the best nurturing environments for learning, where everyone has an opportunity.

Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom. It is our collective responsibility to nurture and inspire our tamariki and rangatahi to transform and - in turn - be transformative.

JASON JOWETT

Kia ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei and warm pacific greetings to you all.

Kō Jason Jowett toku ingoa

Kō ahau te Tumuaiki Tautoko o te Kura o te Waonui a Tāne

My name is Jason Jowett and I am the Assistant Principal at Forest View High School, and a new Across School Leader for our Tokoroa Kāhui Ako. I am passionate about my role as an educator, and I firmly believe that engagement on all levels, and passionate leadership, are the keys to ākongā success. I have always been, and will always be passionate about working with students from socially economic disadvantaged areas, and in particular, Maori and Pasifika students and their whanau. I am motivated to be a lifelong learner while continuing to foster and develop teachers core understanding of culturally responsive and relational pedagogy. I am passionate about History, and in particular, Aotearoa History, and look forward to utilising some of this knowledge and expertise. I am looking forward to the journey as an Across School Leader and working amongst other amazing Kaiako in the Tokoroa Kāhui Ako.





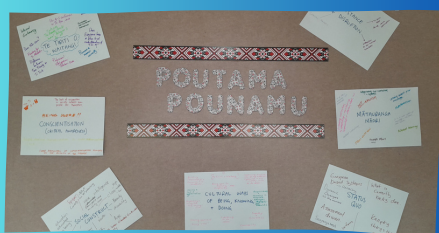
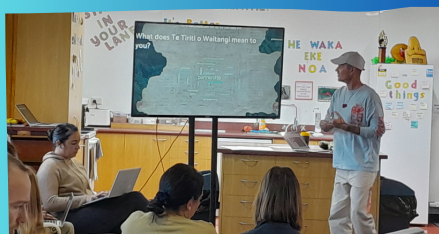
TOKOROA NORTH SCHOOL

We are very excited to announce Tokoroa North School has joined our Kāhui Ako. The principal, Judith McLean, and her team have hit the ground running this term with lots of kōrero and sharing happening. It has been wonderful to work alongside the staff from Tokoroa North School at their first Poutama Pounamu professional learning day. The focus for this mahi was understanding the context for critical change and the importance of Mauri ora within our spaces. We also were challenged with the current state of Aotearoa and creating an awareness of decolonisation. It was a very productive day and one that has sparked new learning and wonderings from staff. The WSLs are now ready to plan a way forward for their staff with this mahi as the foundation. We look forward to following their journey.

SAMOA TAUMAFAI AOGA AMATA

Our ASLs and Lead Principal had the privilege of sitting down with the staff from the Samoa Taumafai Aoga Amata recently. We are so pleased to welcome them aboard Kāhui Ako and it was a great opportunity for us to give them an insight into who we are as a Kāhui Ako and what our purpose is. We also were able to hear the stories of their centre and the unique structure that has been created, to embrace all tamariki as they embark on the early years of their learning journey. We are excited to collaborate and work alongside this amazing team.





POUTAMA POUNAMU

The Poutama Pounamu team, Benjamin Doyle and Jacqui Brower, have been busy in many of our kura this term. Their knowledge and expertise have given kaiako in our spaces inspiration, ideas and new learnings to try in their classrooms. They both continue to work closely with our ASL team to guide the mahi moving into Term 2.

This week we have reflected on our journey with Poutama Pounamu and it is great to know that what we are offering to our Kāhui Ako kura is improving the learning and teaching for our students.

Ben has been working closely with the staff from Forest View High School. Over a series of weeks staff have delved deep into Te Tiriti o Waitangi, conscientisation, Mātauranga Māori and a cultural way of being. It has been an exciting learning journey for the staff and they are enjoying the challenges that create critical consciousness and critical thinking bring with the mahi. It is setting our teachers up for success with the NZ histories curriculum and allowing quality teaching for our taura.

LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATORS

The Learning Support Coordinators and the ASL team have had their first official hui this term. As a Kāhui Ako, we would like to introduce you to Mel Tatham, Lilla Lazar and Daphne John. These amazing ladies are an integral part of our Kāhui Ako and it is great that we are able to collaborate together for the best learning outcomes of our tamariki.

The LSC team work closely with our SENCO's and principals to cater for the individual needs within each of our kura. This role is vital for transitions to school, specific data collection and monitoring, supporting special needs programmes as so much more. We are grateful for the mahi that the team does and look forward to sharing more of their role over the year.

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to support improvement in the wellbeing of Tokoroa learners by strengthening teaching and leadership practices through the achievement of the Tokoroa Clusters goals.

OUR CORE VALUES

Whanaungatanga - developing relationships through shared experiences and working together.

Manaakitanga - showing integrity, sincerity, care and respect.

Rangatiratanga - developing skills and gathering knowledge, be independent in learning, demonstrating mana (integrity and dignity) and developing the mana of tamariki/rangatahi/whānau and kura we work with.

Kōtahitanga - recognise everyone's mana and demonstrate a sense of unity and inclusiveness in the classroom, school and throughout the Tokoroa Cluster.