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Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava and Greetings,

It's that time again.

Since our last newsletter, there has been a lot of relationship building, learning and growing within our Kāhui Ako Team and Community. In this issue we bring to you some of the experiences, learning and future planning that we are aiming towards.

We would like to welcome Arohanui Kindergarten and Central Kids Clyde Street as an official member of our team. We look forward to meeting with you soon to come and listen to the story of your centre and see the gold we are sure you have created.

We now have 7 ECE that have shared their expressions of interest, including Tokoroa Central Kids, Central Kids Paraonui, Te Rau Oriwa, Lou Lou's Early Explorers, Arohanui and Central Kids David Henry.

We also say farewell to Vic O'Rourke and welcome on board Jeannette Beale who is now the Within-School Lead at Tokoroa Intermediate. Nau mai, haere mai Jeannette.

The Across-School Leaders have now visited all the schools and ECE centres within our community and what an amazing experience it has been. We have so much 'gold' within our community that we are humbled and proud of our Kāhui Ako Community. In the near future, we look forward to sharing and celebrating this 'gold'.

At the forefront of this Kāhui Ako journey is the importance of bringing our community along with us for we know that when we are united across all areas and communities, our tamariki shine. In the background we have been building our relationships with Raukawa and South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services (SWPICS) to ensure that the faces of our community are informed and part of this whole journey. A huge ngā mihi and meitaki atupaka to Louis Armstrong (Raukawa) and Akarere Henry (SWPICS) who have helped to create and pave this pathway for Tokoroa Kāhui Ako.

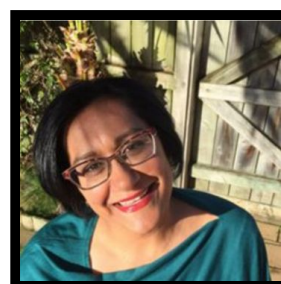
With us on this journey, we are fortunate to have two amazing facilitators who offer to us, a high level of professional development to help build and grow the capacity of our Across-School Leads, Within-School Leads and Leadership teams across our Kāhui Ako Schools.

Meet our PLD Providers



Mary-Anne Murphy

Mary-Anne hails from Te Kuiti and is the Director of Momentum Learning. She is a highly experienced consultant who brings an infectious passion and inclusive people-skills to her work. She works in partnership with schools to offer whole-school through to individual professional learning consultancy, facilitation and support. Known for her research-based, yet practical and innovative approach, Mary-Anne utilises a mix of leading as well as empowering others to ensure deep, sustained change. An



added bonus to this is that Mary-Anne used to once teach here in Tokoroa at Balmoral Primary.

Reshma Patel-Harman

Has a rich and diverse background in education, with over 30 years of experience in teaching, leading and facilitating. Reshma believes that whanaungatanga and manaakitanga are the core pillars of building on maatauranga. She is a passionate, capable, knowledgeable educator who strives to provide the very best opportunities for all learners. Reshma always looks to find creative ways that teachers can adapt programs to be inclusive and flexible. Her knowledge as a

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past Across-School Lead in the Te Puna o Kēmureti (Cambridge) Kāhui Ako has been a wealth of knowledge.

Snapshots of our journey

Taokota'i Visit



The beginning of Term 3 saw the ASL team meet with the 4 Punanga here in Tokoroa to share the vision of Kāhui Ako and further develop relationships with our Pasifika community.

Raukawa

Discussion and planning has begun in partnership with Louis Armstrong from Raukawa. This is the start of growing the aspirations of Raukawa by developing a Te Ao Māori educational pathway for all students, ECE to Year 13 within our Kāhui Ako. Watch this space.

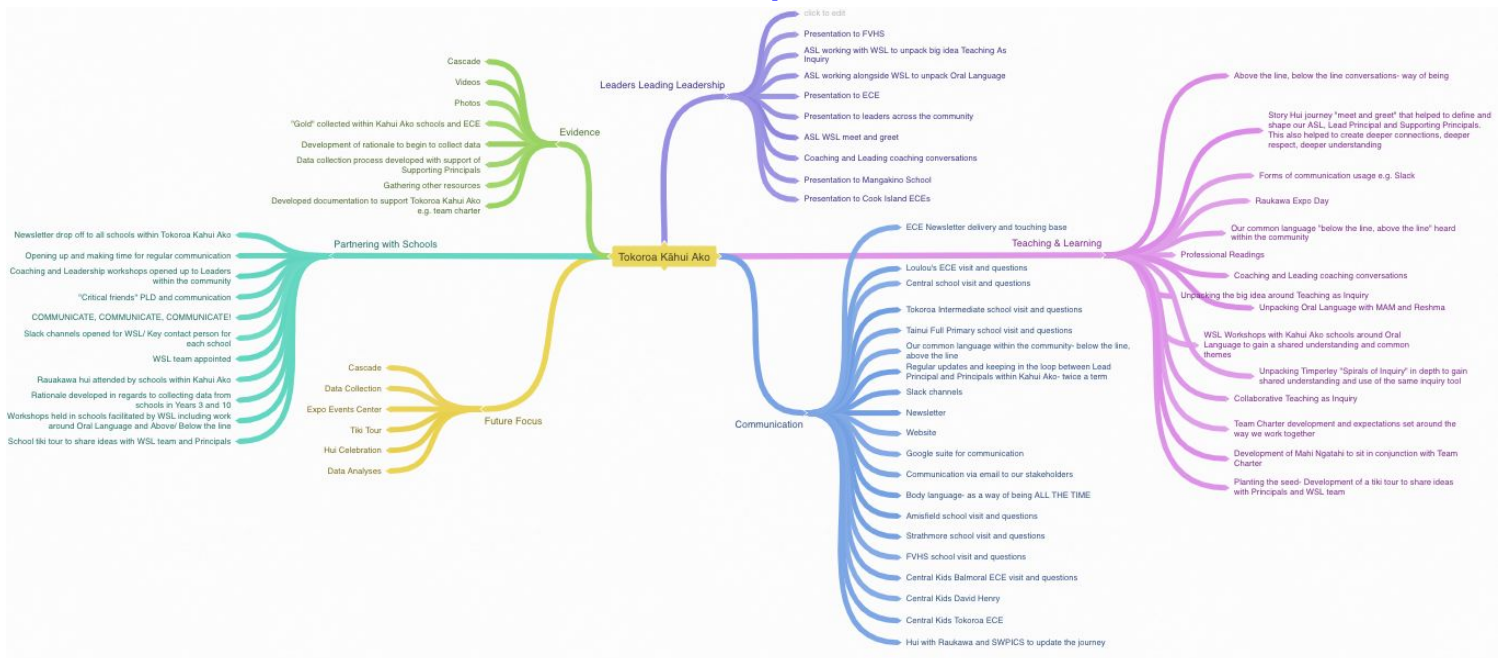
Leading Coaching Conversations

Leaders and Teachers across our Kāhui Ako, including ECE are being offered Professional Development. These sessions will help our community of Kāhui Ako to develop a shared understanding of coaching conversations to enhance Teacher practise. We are extremely grateful for MAM who is facilitating these sessions.

For more information, please contact your ASL.



Coggle: A Mind-map of the journey



As we go to print, our team has been together a total of 32 days and this mind-map gives only a brief insight into the high

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level planning, visits and learning that has occurred.

Future Planning

Some of the ideas that we are looking at include:

- Making connections with our students.
- Building and strengthening our stewardship group.
- Planning our next professional development sessions for Kāhui Ako.
 - Tiki Tour for Principals and Leadership teams to visit the schools and centres within our community to see the 'gold' first hand.
 - Workshops for Primary School Teachers to listen to the views of our ECE centres to help with smoother transitions.
 - Expo Day where Schools can share in workshops about the fantastic practice that working for our tamariki.
- Learning Support Coordinators - a new fully funded role aimed to improve the way we provide learning support for children and young people. Our Kāhui Ako have been allocated three permanent coordinator roles.
- Continuing to build relationships within our community.

So what have we been up to? What's coming up?

1 August - Taokota'i ECE Hui Meet & Greet with St Lukes, Te Ara Metua, Ra Itu and Lou Lou's teaching teams.

8 August - Leading Coaching Session 1: Coaching models and cycle and the Teaching as Inquiry cycle

12 August - Principals Hui

15 August - Hui with Louis Armstrong - Raukawa

- ECE hui: Communication Portal - Slack

16 August - Hui with Akarere Henry - South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services.

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19 August - Leading Coaching Session 2: Target students and The Art of Listening

23 August - ASL hui with Tainui Students

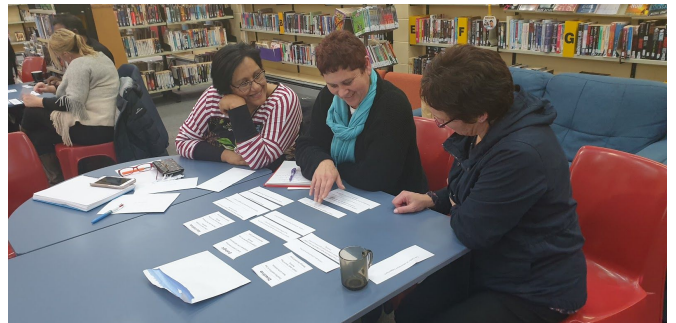
29 August - ASL & WSL Professional Development with Mary-Anne Murphy

30 August - Hui with Louis Armstrong - Raukawa. Educational Pathway development.

5 September - Session 3: Getting gritty: Pre-observation coaching conversations and observations

11 September - Session 4: The Pointy-end: Post observation coaching conversations and next-steps

19 September - Session 5: Practice makes perfect: Tying it all together.



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