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# Tokoroa Kāhui Ako

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*Nau mai, haere mai  
ki Tokoroa Kāhui  
Ako*

Tokoroa Kāhui Ako: Strong Minds - Strong Hearts - Strong Community

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Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava and Greetings,

This newsletter is to share our journey so far and to introduce ourselves as well as to share our vision and purpose.

This term we have been busy visiting the schools within our Tokoroa Kāhui Ako. We definitely have a wealth of GOLD within our community! Thank you to those schools for allowing us to do this.

## So to begin with who are we?

- ★ Tokoroa Kāhui Ako consists of four ECE centres, two Year 1 to 6 schools, three Year 1 to 8 full primary schools, one intermediate and one Year 9 to 13 secondary school. We are awaiting confirmation of an additional four ECE centres.
- ★ Within the Kāhui Ako there are approximately 1472 learners, 55% of whom are Māori, 26% Pākehā, 12% Cook Island Māori, a small number of other Pacific Island groups and other nationalities.

 **Forest View High School**  
Kia Kāhui Kia Toi Kia Manawhiri - Courage Knows No Defeat



## Our vision is Strong Minds, Strong Hearts, Strong Communities.

Our purpose through our vision is to support improvement in the wellbeing of Tokoroa learners by strengthening teaching and leadership practices through the achievement of the Tokoroa Kāhui Ako's goals

Our Kahui Ako core values are:-

- **Whanaungatanga** - relationships are developed through shared experiences and working together
- **Manaakitanga** - showing integrity, sincerity and respect
- **Rangatiratanga** - become an effective and competent teacher, developing skills and gathering knowledge, becoming independent in learning, demonstrating a demeanour of dignity and respect and develop the mana (integrity and dignity) of the child.
- **Kōtahitanga** - recognise everyone's mana and demonstrating a sense of unity and inclusiveness in the classroom, school and Kāhui Ako. Underpinning all of this is to build sound practice through collaboration that strengthens the learning pathways of our tamariki.

### Our whakatauki:

**Nāku te rourou, nou te rourou ka ora ai te iwi**  
*With your basket and my basket, the people will live*

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## Meet your Within School Leads



Kamal Nair

Bula Vinaka, my name is Kamal Nair. I am currently employed at Forest View High School as a Science and Biology teacher, and hold the position of Leader of Curriculum. I was Born in Fiji and lived in NZ for 21 years.

I am diverse in my approach to teaching and learning, thriving on the success of my students. I am extremely interested in enhancing the success of Maori and Pasifika students in education.

Thank you.

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Kia ora, my name is Attila Kiss. Originally from Hungary, and having lived in NZ for over 18 years. 12 of those years in Tokoroa, having taught at both local high schools, currently at Forest View High School. I hope to bring the experience of a Mathematics and Statistics teacher to the table.

(53 words, I could write a lot more...)



Attila Kiss

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Maggie Clarence

I was born in South Africa but I have called New Zealand my home since 2008. I have had the privilege of being part of Amisfield School since 2009. I believe that a happy child is a productive child and have found that by encouraging children, this creates a class of confident children.

I was born and raised in Auckland and came to Tokoroa 22 years ago. I have been teaching at Tokoroa Central School for 5 years. I have been a Junior Teacher for the last 13 years and are currently teaching throughout the whole school in all years. I am passionate about teaching and learning, I hope I can encourage children to learn in a fun and inspiring way.



Tracey Morgan

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Mata Tuau

Kia Orana, My name is Mata Tuau and I'm Tokoroa born and raised. I've been a teacher for the past 19 years here and I currently work at Tainui Full Primary with year 7 & 8 students.

I'm looking forward to working with other passionate teachers in this role and am excited about the possibilities and opportunities it will bring for our tamariki.

I am of Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Haua and Tuhoe descent. I will bring years of teaching experience to the team, being an ex Principal, Deputy Principal and Senior Teacher. I am looking forward to being part of the Kahui Ako team.



Vic O'Rourke

## Meet our Supporting Principals



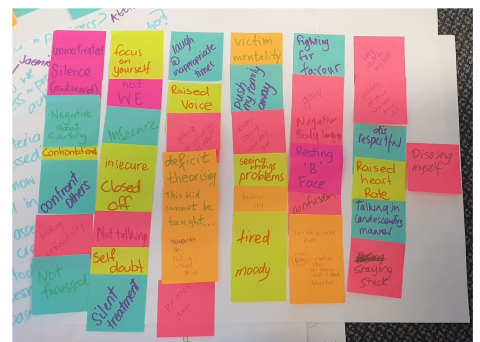
Suzanne Mariasoucce  
Tokoroa Intermediate

Christine McLiesh  
Amisfield School



### Supporting Leadership Expertise role

- To provide specific leadership expertise and high level planning to specifically support the achievement challenges.
- Work closely alongside Lead Principal & Across School Leads
- Oversee the stewardship group.



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## Meet Your Team



**Ko Ngaiterangi, Ngati Maniapoto me Ngati Hamoa ōku iwi.**

Ko Tania Morrison tōku ingoa. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa.

I feel very humbled and proud to be the Across Schools Principal Lead for Tokoroa Kāhui Ako. I believe that every student of Tokoroa deserves the very best education we can give them. Why would schools want to work alone to achieve this? Why not work together and do this collectively? This is what 7 schools have decided to do and the journey is picking up momentum. Tainui Full Primary, Strathmore, Tokoroa Central, Tokoroa Intermediate, Mangakino, Amisfield and Forest View High, we are in this together and we are so excited. To be part of creating a learning pathway for our Tokoroa student that is best suited to our context and our unique and amazing community can only be beneficial for all.

**Tania Morrison** *Strong Minds, Strong Hearts, Strong Community.*

I am passionate about teaching. I believe that working with children keeps me young at heart. I want our children to succeed in all aspects of their lives. Being a member of the Tokoroa Kāhui Ako roopu will give me a wider understanding of our children's education journey. I will hopefully help create more meaningful paths for the students in their own educational journey. It will also give me the opportunity to work alongside the many talented teachers in this community. By working together we can all learn from each other, and by learning and walking together it will help in building **strong minds, strong hearts and a strong community.**



**Ron Creigh-Smith**



Kia Ora,

I am both proud and privileged to share that my name is Charisse Rudolph.

I have been selected to support and work with you to make Tokoroa an amazing place for facilitating teaching and learning. I am extremely excited to collaborate with teachers across my community for the common goal of giving our children the best we can offer. I am willing to listen, share, change, reflect, grow and support you and cannot wait to work alongside our ECE and High school to really make a difference for the one reason we are all here... our tamariki o Tokoroa.

**Strong minds, strong hearts and a strong community.**

**Charisse Rudolph**

Kia Ora, Kia Orana and Talofa Lava.

I have been blessed and privileged to have had many Teachers in my life - those in the classroom and those outside the classroom walls. I am a product of this town - a multicultural village and I want to give back to my community. My success isn't my own, it is the success of many - those before me and those that will come after me. So, as a Teacher, I aim to be a positive role-model. Influence and inspire my students to want to be a role-model to others, not only in their learning but in their 'being'. Being part of Kāhui Ako means that my purpose is not just for my own but for our community too". **Strong minds, strong hearts and a strong community.**



**Jaemie Sheek**

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## Role of Across School Lead - ASL

- To support improvement in the wellbeing of learners by strengthening teaching and leadership practices through the achievement of the Tokoroa Kāhui Ako goals.
- A conduit between Kāhui Ako and across all the schools working closely with schools, leadership and Within School Leaders.

## Role of Within School Lead - WSL

- To support improvement in the wellbeing of learners by strengthening teaching and leadership practices through the achievement of the Tokoroa Kāhui Ako goals.
- A conduit between Across School Leads and their own school who will be working closely with their school and leadership.

Together with our Kāhui Ako Schools the ASL and WSL will work towards providing a seamless educational pathway for our learners. We want to place the focus entirely on working collaboratively across our Kāhui Ako. Each school will be part of a collective responsibility for the learners within our community.

## So what have we been up to?

**4 April** - ASL first gathering.

**26 April** - ASL further team building, how will we work and leadership coaching.

**2 May** - Presentation from our ASLs. Involving the leadership teams from 7 schools.

**Every Thursday & Fridays** - Kāhui Ako Days.

**16 May** - School visit to Tainui.

**17 May** - School visit to Tokoroa Intermediate.

**23 May** - School visit to Strathmore.

**24 May** - School visit to Tokoroa Central.

**30 May** - School Visit to Forest View High School.

- Evening presentation to ECE/Kindergartens.

**31 May** - School Visit to Amisfield School

- Evening presentation to ECE/Kindergartens.

**5 June** - Presentation to FVHS.

**6 June** - ASL 7 WSL meet and greet.

**12 June** - Presentation to Mangakino.

**13 June** - Visited 3 schools in Cambridge Leamington, East & Middle School who are in Kāhui Ako looking at best practice.

**14 June** - PLD alongside Te Puna o Kemureti

**20 June** - ECE visit to Loulou's Te Manawaroa Early Explorer's and Central Kids Balmoral

**21 June** - ECE visit to Central Kids David Henry

**27 June** - Raukawa Expo

**28 June** - High Level Planning/Actions

**04 July** - Working with WSLs looking at Inquiry

**05 July** - High Level Planning/Actions

**16 July** - (Holiday) Meet & Greet with St Lukes, Te Ara Metua, Ra Itu and Lou Lou's teaching teams.

**17 July** - (Holiday) - WSL & ASL working

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