Ngā Manu Āwhina Cluster 8 RTLB Newsletter
Nau mai haere mai

Ngā Manu Āwhina Cluster 8 RTLB would like to thank you for your support and collegiality over the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you to meet the needs of our students, teachers, schools and cluster community both at an individual level and systemically. The full termly Manager's report is attached, and this details collaborative initiatives and projects from across our Cluster 8 school community, but the standout highlight of the year has to be the Wellbeing Event.
Our RTLB team were outstanding hosts to a wide range of approximately 200 attendees from a range of sectors with a strong Cluster 8 contingent attending the Wellbeing Event, including Principals, SENCos/DPs, MoE LS, across and in school teachers and agency representatives. Feedback from the Wellbeing: Now and in the Future event participants in the evaluation survey has been overwhelmingly positive. Of special mention have been the presentations and workshops by Professor Jack Naglieri, Associate Professor Melinda Webber on Māori Identity and Success and Dr Dawn Huebner on The Worry Paradox and Outsmarting Worry.
So, a great big thank you to the speakers, participants and attendees at the Wellbeing: Now and in the Future Event. We hope the event has helped you, your students and school community flourish and to be 'at your best' in the 21st Century. The event offered the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of innovation in wellbeing, neuroscience, education, leadership and learning.

As we move forward together….

In 2020 as the MoE Learning Support Delivery Model and Action Plan are implemented as a new way of providing learning support, we look forward to supporting the first tranche of learning support coordinators and further implementation of the learning support delivery model. We are also keen to implement the one framework for practice: He Pikorua, that has been developed to support Ministry of Education specialists and RTLB to work together in an integrated way and provide cohesive support to children and young people, and their families, whānau and educators.

In response to the Tomorrow's School Review, the MoE Learning Support Action Plan, Learning Support Delivery Model roll out and the first tranche of Learning Support Coordinators, Cluster 8 RTLB continue to work innovatively and flexibly with MoE Learning Support, schools, Kāhui Ako and school communities. The below initiatives continue to be implemented, reviewed and refined:

- Kāhui Ako/Community of Schools support
- The website as a resource and connection hub
- The cluster wide learning support register
- Regular meetings of an RTLB and MoELS facilitation team
- The RTLB key school liaison role broadened to be more responsive
- The Cluster 8 RTLB Response to Intervention (RTI) tiered support process is in place and being expanded to include a quick response service
- A greater focus and support for Tier 1 and Tier 2 universal systemic and targeted small group projects
- Multi-Tiered Systemic Support (MTSS) which encompasses the RTI model, Universal Design for Learning, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and wellbeing support, professional development opportunities, PB4L (PBIS), IY and communities in schools.

Cluster 8 Website
This year we set up our website https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/ with a brand new look. Innovations include a ***Connect*** section that displays Communities of Practice, Projects and Specialist Areas. Many of the links on the Connect page open to detailed resources (for example the Dyslexia Community of Practice). Some are a work-in-progress, but all have key lead practitioner contacts. We welcome any professionals from across our cluster schools connecting with us through the website and also joining with us in our communities of practice. Another innovation is the section *For our Parents.* It includes information about what it means to give informed consent for support from RTLBs, as well as links to

practical information for parents and MoE websites addressing parent interests. SENCOs, teachers and Learning Support Coordinators are able to refer parents to this section via this link.

2020 Dates

Key dates are below but please also see the attached Save a Date Flyer and check the upcoming events section of our website for more details. In 2020 we will shift the focus of the SENCo Meetings to include new LSC colleagues, Kāhui Ako across and in school teachers, other specialist and school staff and RTLBs. This will be a series of learning and networking workshop days

- Term 2: Wellbeing Focus Thursday 28th May 9-3
- Term 3: Behaviour Focus Thursday 13th Aug 9-3
- Term 4: Learning Focus Thursday 5th Nov 9-3

Term 1 Teacher Aide/Teacher/SENCo/LSC Introductory Workshops

- Teacher Aides working with Teachers (Part 1) on 25th Feb 9-12.
- Teacher Aides working with Teachers (Part 2) on 4th March 9-12.

Incredible Years for Principals, SENCOs, LSCs etc in Term 1. Please contact Sue Cameron suec@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz if interested

Assessment Training: Cognitive Assessment System—2 Brief— February 13th 9am-3pm. If interested, please contact Barbara Hannant barbarah@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz

Thank You

We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you to meet the needs of our students, teachers, schools and cluster community both at an individual level and systemically. It is a pleasure for RTLB to support schools and Kāhui Ako with projects, professional development and learning. Some of our highest accolades come from Kāhui Ako and schools who appreciate that RTLB have built strong relationships and understandings with our cluster schools and are able to tailor projects and professional learning specific to your needs and then walk alongside you to support implementation.

We are fortunate to be part of such a wonderful positive cluster with so many supportive and dedicated professionals. A special thank you to Megan Clotworthy, our Cluster 8 RTLB Lead Principal and to you, our Principals, SENCos, MoE LS and agency colleagues. Our cluster is richer because of your dedication to our students. Cluster 8 in collaboration with you, supports our students and ourselves to be **'at our best'. You are the leaders and change makers shaping a future full of hope.**

I hope you have a fabulous end of year and enjoy your well-earned holidays.

Ngā mihi nui

Roseanne and Cluster 8: Ngā Manu Āwhina RTLB

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