

ISSUE 14 – TERM 2

THE ROTORUA & DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ASPIRING LEADERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011 - SO FAR....

The intention of the Aspiring Leaders programme has been designed to be intellectually stimulating and challenging. It is aimed at ensuring a sustainable level of quality leaders for our Rotorua schools. For principals it will encourage the sharing of their wisdom and experiences through facilitating challenging and thought provoking seminars. Garry de Thierry initiated the programme in 2008, after visiting the Networked Learning Communities in the UK. The programme continued in 2009, had a break in 2010, and resumed this year. About 70 teachers have had the opportunity to work through leadership issues.

This year 14 principals will present five topics spread over three terms. The first topic "Leading or Managing?" was held on 3 March with co presenters Garry de Thierry, Campbell Harrison and Nicky Brell. Some 20 teachers from 12 schools attended the seminar. Since then teachers have met within their "triad" support group by visiting their respective schools. It is anticipated participants can share and reflect on their commonalities, differences and uniqueness that each school presents.



The next seminar is on "Engaging strategies to foster a positive team culture" and will be held at the Rotorua Education Centre, Thursday 19 May.

WHO'S ON THE EXEC BOARD

- Deb Epp
- Colin Watkins
- Bob Stiles
- Warwick Moyle
- Eden Chapman
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mamaku School Radio** - We have a super cool radio station broadcasting here in Mamaku. It is broadcasting 5km around the school on 88.4fm. If anyone is interested in coming to look at it with a view to starting their own station, our kids are happy to help train others - Contact Lorraine Taylor on 07 332 5726
- **Fresh Perspective** - Parents you are not alone - A free voluntary mentoring service (Fresh Perspective) for parents/caregivers is available in our town - Carefully screened, trained & supervised mentors provide support & encouragement as they walk alongside other parents/caregivers.

Free phone: 0800 555 300 or Text: 027 712 2237

Website: www.freshperspective.org.nz

“We recommend having a mentor. We can talk things through with them. They are there when we need help and advice.”

- **A Literacy Explosion (Dr Avis Glaze / Jill Eggleton / Paul Nation / Murray Gadd / Victoria j Risko)** - To be held on 17th - 20th July 2011 at the Distinction Rotorua Hotel & Conference Centre, Cnr of Fenton & Sala Street, Rotorua - Register on-line @ www.nzra.org.nz
- **Rainbow Reading Programme - Free Seminar** - Tuesday 31st May 2011 @ 1.30–3pm - Whakarewarewa School School, Sala Street, Rotorua - See attached document for registration details.
- **AP's & DP's** - The AP/DP association of Rotorua invites you to become a member of a professional group focussing on.....Leadership Together.

Are you a new AP or DP? Are you new to the Rotorua area?

Are you an experienced AP or DP who loves to network with others??

If so, join us for a wine and cheese evening on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm, Westbrook School staffroom.

This session will be facilitated by Sue, Wendy and Rachel to formulate a 2011 plan for our professional group.

RSVP to Sue Bewley at sueb@rotokawa.school.nz as soon as possible.

RPA MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011 & 2012

Professional development and collegial support meetings, generally Thursdays, 1–3.30 followed by afternoon tea, generally Weeks 3 & 8 of each Term - Venue to be the Rotorua Education Centre, unless otherwise stated

Term 2, 2011

June 2nd Week 5 – Thursday @ 1-3.30 (Week 5 as one of the results from our meeting earlier this year with Mary Chamberlain is a meeting at MoE in Hamilton on our usual meeting date, Week 3 and on Thursday Week 4 a number of colleagues will be away at conference).

June 23rd Week 8 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

June 30th Week 9 - Friday @ 1-3.30 - Special meeting for feedback from the subcommittee investigating funding for the Rotorua Education Centre.

Term 3, 2011

August 18th Week 3 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

September 4th–6th Week 6 - Sunday to Tuesday - Retreat - Likely location, Okoroire. Presenter Dr John Langley with the theme based around recent statements from PM and Minister regarding student safety in schools and schools' roles in safety beyond school. Details will be confirmed by Garry

Week 8 - No meeting due to retreat.

Term 4, 2011

November 10th Week 3 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

December 10th Week 7 - Thursday - Final meeting of the year - Time and venue to be confirmed. (Week 7, not Week 8 as Week 8 as this is the last week of year for some and last full week for all others).

Term 1, 2012

February 18th Week 3 - Thursday @1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

March 24th Week 8 - Thursday @ 11-12.30 (AGM) followed by lunch. Professional development 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

Executive meetings, an admin/planning focus, generally Thursday of Week 2, 7.30am - NB All members welcome - Venue to be the Rotorua Education Centre, unless otherwise stated

Term 2, 2011

Wednesday 18th May @ 7.30am - Mokoia Intermediate

Thursday 16th June @ 7.30am

Term 3, 2011

Thursday 11th August @ 7.30am

Thursday 15th September @ 7.30am

Term 4, 2011

Thursday 3rd November @ 7.30am

Term 1, 2012

Thursday 11th February @ 7.30am

Thursday 17th March @ 7.30am

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June 15th Week 8 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

Term 3, 2012

August 2nd Week 3 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

September 2nd–4th Week 7/Week 8 - Sunday to Tuesday - Retreat - Location to be determined in Term 4 2011 - Theme to be determined Week 8 Term 1 2012 - Week 8 no usual meeting as retreat has been held.

Term 4, 2012

November 1st Week 3 - Thursday @ 1-3.30 followed by afternoon tea

December 6th Week 8 - Thursday - Final meeting of year - Time and venue to be confirmed

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Term 1, 2012

Thursday 11th February @ 7.30am

Thursday 17th March @ 7.30am

Term 2, 2012

Thursday 3rd May @ 7.30am

Thursday 8th June @ 7.30am

Term 3, 2012

Thursday 26th July @ 7.30am

Thursday 30th August @ 7.30am

Term 4, 2012

Thursday 25th October @ 7.30am

- **RPA Meeting dates** - See rest of newsletter.
- **Westbrook School dates:**
 - Life Education - Weeks 3 & 4
 - Annual Book Week - Week 4
 - ICT Cluster TOD - June 3rd
 - School Cross Country - Week 7
 - Te Akatea Conference - Week 10



FOR SALE

- **Rotorua Education Centre** - Shortly, the Education Centre will be having a “garage sale” - Watch this space for some amazing bargains :-)



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