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THE ROTORUA & DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION  
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## PERRY RUSH ISLAND BAY SCHOOL WELLINGTON

Perry Rush, Principal of Island Bay School in Wellington will be visiting the RPA on Friday 16th October 2009.

Perry was formerly Principal at the innovative Discovery 1 School in Christchurch, and founded Tawa School City Site in the heart of Wellington's CBD. He has led the development of Island Bay School's local curriculum 'Our Way, Island Bay', and is in demand as a consultant on the implementation of the revised curriculum. He is dad to Benjamin and Sofia, loves strong coffee (it has to hold your spoon up) and is a keen mountain biker.

**Island Bay Inquiry Conference**

Earlier this year a number of teachers from our RELLCo cluster, along with our iconic



ITPD facilitator Lorraine Watchorn, travelled down to Wanganui to attend the Island Bay School "Inquiry Conference". The conference was all about the "Island Bay" approach to inquiry learning and was led by Perry and four of his staff. Feedback from the staff was that Perry is a brilliant speaker and has a huge depth of knowledge to share.

As we know, there is no "right way" to teach inquiry learning, but probably plenty of wrong ones. Island Bay and Perry

have developed their model over a number of years, so come along and listen to an expert.



Written by Bob Stiles, Owata Primary School

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## PD/GUEST SPEAKERS



- **Perry Rush , Island Bay School, Wellington** - Friday 16th October at the Education Centre - 10.30 til 12.00

## SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Westbrook School Quiz Night** - Friday 30th October - Adults only - BYO - Teams of 6 @ \$60 per team - Heaps of Prizes - Teams come dressed in a theme - Limited to 50 teams so get your entry in early - Accept the challenge and put a staff team in!
- **Westbrook School Student Council "Big Day Out"** - Friday 16th October - Kevin Winters to attend
- **Kaitao Middle School Invitation** - The staff (yes staff) of Kaitao will be performing their annual production during the second last week of Term 4, Tuesday 8th and 9th December at 7pm. We would like to invite all interested teachers from all Rotorua schools to a free show and wine and cheese to celebrate the end of the year. The show is entitled "Not Another Scary Play" and is a spoof on the film "Twilight" and "High School Musical" with plenty of fun, singing, dance and music and will be performed in our new performing arts centre. A poster advertising the event and asking for numbers attending will be sent out nearer to the show which will be on Wednesday 9th at 7pm. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year, but would love to see you there.
- **Westpac Rotomaths Competition 2009** - It's not too late to enter a team. Entries close Friday 23 October. Contact Serena for an entry form.

"Life is  
creative.....it  
makes it up as  
it goes along"

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- **Colin Watkins** - Experienced Principals Seminar, Hamilton on 20/21 October



## RHEUMATIC FEVER - SORE THROATS MATTER!

### A note from Lakes District Healthboard:

- Rheumatic fever is a serious disease which can lead to permanent heart damage.
- A throat infection caused by Group A Streptococcal bacteria ('strep throat') can cause a reaction which leads to rheumatic fever.
- Rheumatic fever is preventable and you can help by raising awareness in your school community that sore throats matter.
- If a child complains of a sore throat, make sure they get checked by a doctor.
- If a 'strep throat' is diagnosed, the doctor will usually prescribe a 10 day course of antibiotics to prevent rheumatic fever.
- Take all the antibiotics exactly as prescribed so all the strep bugs are killed and rheumatic fever is prevented.
- By taking sore throats seriously, we can help prevent life long illness and suffering for our tamariki.

For further information contact your doctor, nurse or [gm.office@lakesdhb.govt.nz](mailto:gm.office@lakesdhb.govt.nz)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kaitao School** are finalists in the Interface Magazine Awards 2009 for our television news broadcast on KTV (Kaitao Television). The winners will be selected by public vote and as we are the only school representing Rotorua, we are asking that schools in the district support us by voting online at [www.interfaceonline.co.nz](http://www.interfaceonline.co.nz).
- **Otonga School's** Room 2 will be celebrating the nationwide launch of their picture book "Lucky Pancake" on 2nd December - Every school library in NZ will get a copy.
- **Otonga School** is celebrating their learning journey with student-led conferences on 26th November.
- **Westpac Flyer** - Please find attached information regarding some exciting new offers Westpac have to offer.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge"

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

### Breathe Technology Training Dates for Term 4:

21/10 - IWB1 (Interwrite) - 12-3	27/10 - IWB2 (Interwrite) - 12-3
02/11 - IWB & Inquiry - 1-4	18/11 - IWB1 (Interwrite) - 9-12
18/11 - IWB & Literacy - 1-4	24/11 - IWB2 (Interwrite) - 9-12
24/11 - IWB & Numeracy - 1-4	
21/10 - Digital Story Telling - 3.30-5	
27/10 - Digital Blue Movie - 3.30-5	

To book, please phone Lara on 07 927 2260

## OUR 2009 ASPIRING LEADERS

**Lynmore** School - Andrea Tapsell, Barbara O'Donnell, Ainslie Howie-Hale and Ingrid Fisher

**Sunset** School - Cecily Stainton

**Mihi** School - Katie McIndoe

**Mamaku** School - Travis Moore

**Rotokawa** School - Nicky King and Tiria Shaw

**Glenholme** School - Moira Pinfold and Liana Te Hau

**Owhata** School - Santi Stanton, Robyn Hurliman, Debra Gould and Tracey Spiers

**Ngongotaha** School - Rahera Adams and Ana Te Whata

**Rotorua Intermediate** School - Karin Hopkins and Rachel Hitchens

**Selwyn** School - Ngahua Pita, Donna Herd and Karen Hogg

**Kaitao** School - Callie Kennedy, Liz Macready and Simone Donaldson

**Galatea** School - Marylou Macpherson

**Murupara** School - Kohine Tawhara

**Mokoia** School - Shaun Douglas and Kate Cookson

**Westbrook** School - Ruth Fisher, Jules McLaughland, Eileen Onekawa-sheean, Robyn Hunt, Alison McGrath, Jo Martinn and Jo Lincoln-Moore

**St Marys** School - Anne Cato, Brigit Nieuwboer and Susan Branson

**Otonga** School - Cheryl Hallier, Pauline Gray and Belinda Herbert

**Presentation of certificates will be held on Friday 30th October at the Distinction Hotel.**

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