



**ROLLESTON**  
**Learning Community**  
*Ngā Peka O Tauwharekākaho*

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*The Connecting Branches of*  
*the Rolleston Area*

**Newsletter**

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***Vision: Communities Collaborating to Grow***

**Welcome**

Kia ora,

Welcome to the second issue of our Kāhui Ako newsletter. Thanks for the great positive feedback on our first newsletter - this ensures we are communicating effectively and meeting the needs of our Community of Learning. Further suggestions are welcome! This newsletter shares progress, acknowledges mahi and celebrations / congratulations and future developments.

We congratulate and welcome the new Early Childhood Centres who have joined our Kāhui Ako since our last newsletter. Check out the centres on the right of this page! We welcome any new ECEs. If you have further questions, or are wanting more information on joining our Kāhui Ako, feel free to contact either Sue or Sandra (email below).

We are looking at printing a plaque which all kura and ECE settings can display to recognise their valuable contributions to the Kāhui Ako.

We have been working on an info-graphic for our documentation of our Achievement Challenges, so our communities can recognise our purpose at a glance. It relates to our logo. What do you think?



We've also been working on [our own website](#) with specific information about our Kāhui Ako and mahi. A lot of it is still under construction, but have a look and let us know what you would like to see. Please check this [website](#) for some general information about Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning.

**Our Kāhui Ako consists of the following 11 schools...**

Burnham - *Sandra Keenan*  
Clearview - *Rob Rush*  
Kingslea - *Tina Lomax*  
Lemonwood Grove - *Sean Bailey*  
Rolleston Christian - *Liz Horn*  
Rolleston College - *Steve Saville*  
Rolleston - *Darryn Aitchinson (Acting)*  
Waitaha - *Margaret Dodds*  
Weedons - *Kathy Bell*  
West Melton - *Susan Jackson*  
West Rolleston - *Sylvia Fidow*

**...and 14 Early Childhood Centres (ECE)**

Active Explorers Rolleston  
Ako Rolleston  
Annabel's Educare - West Melton  
Best Start Rolleston  
Bright Beginnings Montessori  
Burnham Country Montessori  
Edukids Faringdon - BestStart  
Kidsfirst Kindergartens Burnham  
Kidsfirst Kindergartens West Rolleston  
Lollipops Rolleston  
Paradise for Little Angels  
Selwyn Kids  
The Cats Pyjamas Preschool  
West Melton Kindergarten, Nursery & Learning Centre

**And 9 ECE centres who are still to officially join us.**

*All of these centres are represented by Sarah Perkins from Selwyn Kids and Meagan Boakes from Ako Rolleston. Learn more about them in the ECE Update on the next page.*

# Achievement Challenges

Over the last few months we have been gathering data and information from numerous sources - ECE, junior school teachers, Stewardship Team, and principals through surveys / workshops / consultation with staff. This will be used to help inform our Achievement Challenges (AC).

We are hoping to send our Achievement Challenges to the Ministry of Education for endorsement by the end of the year. Once these challenges are endorsed by the Minister of Education, we will be in a position to advertise for Across School Teachers (AST) as lead roles supporting the AC. Our goal is to have these appointments filled and operational by Term 2 2019.

We are currently consulting with our whānau and community in order to prioritise our Achievement Challenges, and would value your input to help us understand how we can best support the achievement, learning and wellbeing of our students. Please contribute your ideas by clicking on [this link](#). (Note the survey will close on October 31).

Our questions are:

- What is going well for your child and /or family/ Whānau in relation to your child's education?
- What are your priorities for your child within the school environment?
- What are the areas you would like the Kāhui ako to focus on to support your child and family / Whānau for example academic, culturally, socially?

## Congratulations!



At the end of last term we farewelled Andrew Morall, Principal of Rolleston School. Andrew has been Principal at Rolleston School for 13 years and an active contributor of our Kāhui Ako and previously, Rolleston Cluster. We sincerely thank Andrew for his valuable and thought provoking contributions and his support in helping to shape our future direction. We wish Andrew and his family all the best as he embarks on another adventure!



## Mana Ake

It is great to have the Mana Ake team supporting our schools and education centres in Selwyn now. Welcome to Team Leader Maria Lui from Stand, and the team:

- Jonny Murnane
- Kirsten Lloyd-Scott
- Ebigya Neupani
- Alana Bishop
- Sarah Cole
- Hayley Tait
- Fran Atkinson
- Alana Bishop

The focus of Mana Ake is on early intervention – promoting wellbeing and supporting positive mental health – for students in years 1-8. It provides:

- additional workers who can support children and families when concerns are raised about wellbeing or when mental health concerns have been noticed.
- an opportunity to enhance existing resources in school communities as well as support schools to build capability and build sustainable networks to support early intervention.
- a web-based tool – Leading Lights – that will support consistent navigation through the pathway of support for a child or young person.

Please talk to your school's SENCO if you have any questions.

# Stewardship Team Snippets

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The Stewardship Team have been busy working together with Gabrielle Wall clarifying roles, responsibilities and purposes. We all want to thank Gabrielle for her fantastic facilitation of our hui and her ability to make sense of our kōrero. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Gabrielle.

Our first official hui date has been set for 13th of November. One of the things that we have made clear is that we would like to travel around the rohe and hold our hui at different kura in the Kāhui Ako, to experience the school environments and get to know you, kanohi ki te kanohi. Terms of Reference has been drafted and we will be deciding on a whakatauki that is appropriate for the mahi we do.

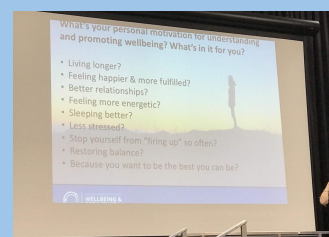


Members of the Stewardship Team are: **Denise Sheat, Dardanelle Mclean-Smith, Hayley Stirling, Fiona McAlevey, Susan Jackson and Sandra Keenan**

## Recent events ...

We appreciated the opportunity to hear from Dr. Lucy Hone about her work and research into wellbeing. Lucy held two sessions at Rolleston College - one for teachers from our Kāhui Ako, and the second for whānau in our community. Her 2015 research showed that there is a rising prevalence of mental illness and stress throughout New Zealand and internationally - this is not just a 'Canterbury problem'.

So what is 'wellbeing'? After four years of research, Lucy found it could be summarised as "Feeling good and functioning well" (Huppert and So, 2009), and introduced us to the PERM A-V model for pathways to learning. Lucy outlined a series of steps that could be taken by our kura / centres / Kāhui Ako in order to enhance wellbeing, and we will continue to look at this as we develop our Achievement Challenges.



Our thanks to those learners at Rolleston College who catered a delicious afternoon tea for our teachers!

## Strategic Plan 2018 - 2019

Please click on the link to access our [Nga peka o Tauwharekākaho Strategic Action Plan](#). It will continue to be a work in progress as we regularly evaluate our progress.



# Wānanga

On a miserable, blustery, and very cold day, leadership group members, stewardship group members, Ministry personnel and invited guests were welcomed onto Ngāti Moki Marae. This was an opportunity to korero, build relationships, engage in conversation in a relaxed and warm environment and get to know each other, setting future direction, discussing roles and responsibilities and the role of our Stewardship Group.

We would like to thank Ngāti Moki Marae for the opportunity to use this valuable venue and to Gabrielle Wall and Stephanie Smith for facilitating an inspiring, fun and worthwhile day.



## ECE update...

Kia ora tatou,

The MOE has recently announced that funding is now available to assist ECEs to participate in Kāhui Ako. Our Kāhui Ako is able to access a payment of \$7000 per year for the next two years. Before we are able to apply for these funds member services need to agree:

- how the joint funding will be used,
- who will administer (be the nominated fund holder) the joint funding on behalf of the applicants.

Examples of how services might use the funding include, but are not limited to:

- activities to build coherent learner pathways that strengthen transition
- activities to build the quality of teaching practice at services and schools
- enabling release time for service teachers to attend and participate in Community of Learning meetings and activities
- supporting participation in the development of Community of Learning achievement challenges

To make this application we have decided to hold a meeting which will be led by Lauren Luketina and Chris Waller to enable us to apply for these funds later this term, and have access to the funds in 2019.

If you have not yet joined our Kāhui Ako but wish to, you will need to send an email to the ECE Education Adviser, Chris Waller, which states:

1. That you wish to join the Nga peka o Tauwharekākaho Kāhui Ako.
2. That your service provider, Board or owner agrees to the service joining the Kāhui Ako (evidence could be an email from the service provider, meeting minutes etc.)
3. Confirmation that you have consulted with relevant members of your community about joining the Kāhui Ako. Please note that it is up to the ECE to deem who are relevant members of their community i.e. staff, Board etc. We do not require any information about who you consulted with or how you did this, just confirmation that it has occurred.

Remember your two ECE Reps are Sarah Perkins and Meagan Boakes. They can be contacted using this email address: [ngapekaece@rollestonlearningcommunity.org](mailto:ngapekaece@rollestonlearningcommunity.org)

***Sarah and Meagan dedicate their own time to attend the Kahui Ako meetings and have very supportive teams/managers who help to make this happen.***

**This is our last newsletter for 2018. Our next newsletter will be circulated in Term 1 of 2019, and will update you on our progress with our Achievement Challenges and other mahi. We wish you all the best for the remainder of Term 4, and for a restful and relaxing Christmas and New Year break with your families and loved ones.**

**Ngā mihi o te wā me te Tau Hou,**

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*Nga peka o Tauwharekākaho Leads*