

Professional Development Newsletter

May 2011

Please remember that all courses, discussion groups, cluster groups and registration need to be booked through HR.Net. Alysha is available to support you through this process.

Teachers' Conference 2011

The WRFKA Teachers Conference will be in the first week of the July term break. The conference theme is *Te Whaariki: Past, Present and Future*. It starts on 18 July at 12.30pm for early registrations and the first speaker is planned for 1.30 pm. On 19 July there will be a full day of speakers and workshops, more information about those details will be available in the conference newsletter in the beginning of June. Bookings will be made through HR.Net and will open at the end of May.



Accommodation: If you live in Waikanae or North of there, the Association will provide accommodation. If this means you, please let Lorraine know (lorrainec@wn-kindergarten.org.nz) before Friday 20th May so your booking can be secured. All others will be able to book for themselves at the same hotel. We will provide details of rooms and cost in the next newsletter.

Area staff meetings

The schedule for your kindergarten's meeting time and date are in a separate attachment. The Senior Teacher focus for these meetings will be on evaluation the implementation of the curriculum criteria - Te Manawa and they will work through a resource to assist teams to do that.

Men's Network

The next meeting for the men's network is a dinner on May 26th at the 'Oriental Kingdom' at the Left Bank in Cuba St, at 5.00pm. For more information contact Greg at Lyall Bay Kindergarten - (04) 387 9013.

Developing Leadership

This is a new initiative for experienced teachers to come together to look at what skills/attributes are needed when thinking of applying for a Head Teacher position or another formal leadership role. For the participants who have been involved in the first meeting, please check your personal work email for more information.

Relievers' Meeting

This is an opportunity for relievers to come together to network, to have questions answered and to meet Nicky the reliever's coordinator, and Karen our H.R. Manager and Alysha our office assistant to talk about booking in for Professional Development.

Supporting Te Manawa: An Introduction to PowerPoint.

Teachers have seen the exciting possibilities of using PowerPoint for documenting teaching and learning for individuals and groups of children. This workshop is an opportunity for teachers new to using PowerPoint to learn some useful strategies and to ask Sharryn and Lynette your questions.

Head Teacher Te Manawa Clusters

This is an opportunity for Head Teachers to network and engage in professional discussion about leading the implementation of Te Manawa with their teams. There are four meetings, in Otaki, Toru Fetū, Tawa Central and Berhampore. Check the Professional Development diary for dates.

Te Manawa workshop

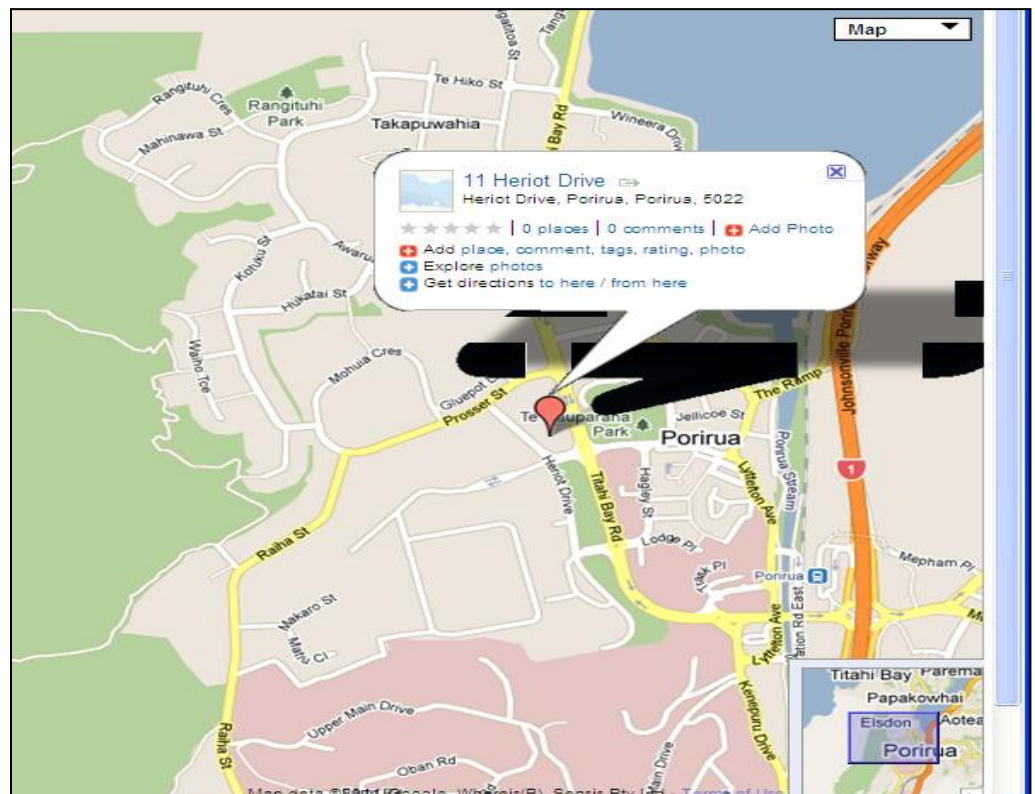
Another workshop is being held for relievers, new teachers to the association or any teachers who have been unable to attend a previous workshop to look at Te Manawa and become familiar with the document. We hope all teams will encourage their teachers and relievers who have not had an opportunity to attend to do so.

CPS: Child Protection Studies

This is a compulsory course within the Association and is made available a couple of times a year within a term break. Any teachers who have not attended or are new to the association can book in for this one day course. Next year we will begin a new series of courses for those who undertook the course in the initial round.

Registration seminar

This is for mentors and provisionally registered teachers and will be held on Saturday 21st May at the Elim Church , 11 Heriot Drive, Porirua from 9.00 to 3.00pm.



If you have any queries please ring or email Helen Smithies.

Senior Teacher team