**RTLB CLUSTER 16 - NAWTON SCHOOL**

**Update to Schools – Term One 2024**

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Kia ora Cluster Principals and SENCOs/LSCs

May I wish you a belated Happy New Year. Welcome to any new Principals, SENCo or LSC. I welcome Mangakōtukutuku College to Cluster 16. All the very best for your education journey. I also acknowledge Te Au o Tamatea – St Andrews Middle School, formerly Hamilton Junior High – welcome. We now support 83 cluster schools. I hope that you have all had a great break and are coming into 2024 relaxed, revitalised and refreshed. Thank you for the support that you continue to show RTLB Cluster 16. Thank you for your collegiality and willingness to be responsive to different ways of working during change. As always it continues to be a pleasure to work alongside and support so many dedicated, innovative and responsive professionals and whaanau. We look forward to continuing this support in 2024. I enjoy challenges that provide the cluster with opportunities for improvement so please do not hesitate to contact me or your Liaison RTLB if you would like the cluster to review any aspect of our work.

**Staffing**

RTLB Alex Te Moni was seconded last year by Massey University to join the Specialist Teaching Team as a Senior Professional Clinician – Pou Maaori Specialist Teaching. Alex has now been appointed to a permanent position at Massey. I would like to thank Alex for his mahi and contribution to our cluster and cluster schools, in particular to our kura and wharekura.

At the end of last year, the Ministry informed us that our staffing entitlement was to increase by two FTTE – we now have 46 RTLB. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Levon Dennison, Patsy Rapira and Paula Roberts. Their offices are at Tōku Māpihi Maurea Kura Kaupapa, Te Wharekura o Kirikiriroa and Crawshaw respectively. I look forward to them making positive contributions to the cluster/schools with their knowledge and expertise.

RTLB Leah Thompson will be on study leave for 2024.

**Requests for Support (RFS)**

RTLB will be in contact with all current RFS to ensure information is updated with 2024 details. We appreciate your assistance with this.

**RTLB Database**

If you need assistance regarding eRTLB, please contact your Liaison RTLB.

**Review and Intake Meetings (R&I)**

The first RTLB Cluster 16 R & I meeting for 2024 will be held on Thursday 22 February. The meetings are held at 8:30am every Thursday. If you wish to have a student considered for the RTLB service, please ensure you have completed the online Request for Support (RFS) following a discussion with your Liaison RTLB. NOTE: 2024 Allocations will occur prior to this date.

**Learning Support Funding**

RTLB can apply for Learning Support Funding at a maximum of $400.00 + gst per term for two terms. Note: This application is an outcome from the collaborative action plan. Learning Support Funding applications are received and considered weekly.

**Incredible Years for Teachers (IYT)**  
We have 60 teachers on four courses this year, our largest number yet!  Thank you for your continued support for IYT in your schools.

If you would like to add a teacher/s to the waitlist for an IYT course in 2025 please contact RTLB Joanna Crawshay - [jcrawshay@rtlbcluster16.co.nz](mailto:jcrawshay@rtlbcluster16.co.nz)  
   
**Incredible Years Teacher - Autism (IYT-A)**  
Junior school teachers are invited to register for future IYT-A courses in Hamilton.

Criteria for registering: Diagnosed or undiagnosed autism. This programme is run over 6 sessions (9-12.30pm) with visits after session 2 and 4. MoE pays $900.00 for the cost of a reliever. Teachers registering should register here:  <https://app.forms.education.govt.nz/forms/view/iya001>  
If you would like the student's LA to attend with the teacher, please contact RTLB Joanna Crawshay to discuss.  There is a waitlist so please register as soon as possible.  There will be several courses offered over the year.

If you have any other questions or require information pertaining to IY, please contact [jcrawshay@rtlbcluster16.co.nz](mailto:jcrawshay@rtlbcluster16.co.nz)

**Te Waka Tamariki (formerly Children’s Team):**

If you have any questions or require information pertaining to the work of the Te Waka Tamariki, please contact RTLB Gayle Addy -[gaddy@rtlbcluster16.co.nz](mailto:gaddy@rtlbcluster16.co.nz)

**Gateway**

If you have any questions or require information pertaining to Gateway, please contact Practice Leader Leeana Herewini - lherewini@rtlbcluster16.co.nz

**Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)**

If any secondary school or wharekura requires information about the SAC process, please contact RTLB Sue Taylor - [staylor@rtlbcluster16.co.nz](mailto:staylor@rtlbcluster16.co.nz)

All the very best for 2024.

Ngaa mihi

Graeme Nobilo

RTLB Cluster 16 Manager