**RTLB CLUSTER 16 - NAWTON SCHOOL**

**Update to Schools – October 2021**

**Contacts for Graeme Nobilo, Cluster Manager**

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Kia Ora Cluster Principals, SENCOs, LSCs

I trust you managed to enjoy some non-contact time during the recent break. Let’s hope we can finish the year with minimal disruption. Thank you for the continued support that you have shown to RTLB Cluster 16 this year. I have enjoyed the school visits, telephone calls and emails I have received from schools this year that affirm the work our 43 RTLBs are doing in our 83 schools. We look forward to continuing to support students, whanau and schools. I enjoy challenges that provide the cluster with opportunities for improvement so please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like the cluster to review any aspect of our work.

**Covid**

At Level 4 and 3 RTLB are not working in schools but are available to teachers via internet communication platforms and can communicate with whanau via the same platforms if required.  At Level 2 RTLB are very aware of their status as manuhiri in schools and follow the Ministry of Education mandates as well as scanning in, sanitizing between schools and wearing face masks. At Level 1 RTLB are still scanning in and sanitizing between schools and are following mask protocols set by either the school being visited or the Ministry of Health. We are moving toward having 100% of our staff vaccinated so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe. We have begun our vaccination register and in accordance with the Privacy Act, this information will only be shared with Public Health Authorities.

**Review and Intake Meetings**

Term four R & I meetings will be held at 8:30am on the following dates; Thursday 21 October, Thursday 28 October, Thursday 4 November, Wednesday 10 November and Thursday 18 November. If you wish to have a `Request for Support’ (RFS) considered for RTLB support, please ensure you have completed the online RFS and notified your Liaison RTLB. Note, the last R & I meeting for 2021 will be on Thursday 18 November. Any urgent Requests for Support after this date, should in the first instance be made via an email to Graeme Nobilo - gnobilo@rtlbcluster16.co.nz

**RTLB Host Schools**

Once again, thank you to those principals and schools who have historically or recently taken on the role of hosting RTLB. We appreciate the support you show to our cluster through this role. If you do have any spare office/classroom space and would be interested in hosting RTLB, please email Graeme Nobilo - gnobilo@rtlbcluster16.co.nz

**RTLB Term Dates for the end of 2021, and the start of 2022**

The school year ends for Nawton School (the Lead School for our cluster), on Monday 20 December 2021. Nawton School opens for students on Tuesday 8 February 2022. Graeme Nobilo, RTLB Cluster Manager, will have a skeleton staff available earlier than this date in 2022 if any school has an urgent challenge for which it would like support. For any such challenge prior to 8 February 2022, please contact Graeme Nobilo to discuss options. Note: Any queries regarding Requests for Support already allocated, please contact the respective RTLB.

**RTLB Database - eRTLB**

Reminder - if you need any assistance, please contact your Liaison RTLB.

**In Class Support (ICS)**

MoE will fund 180 students in our cluster with In-Class Support (ICS) funding for 2022. We received 417 applications from our 83 cluster schools for the contestable 180 spaces. Many thanks to those who submitted applications. The ICS panel have met to initially go through the applications individually and you will have been contacted if further information was needed on the student you were applying on behalf of. The final meeting was going to be on the 19th October to allocate the spaces for 2022 however this has been postponed to Friday 29 October due to covid. You will be notified within 3 weeks of the panel meeting to let you know the outcomes for your students. Every year a waiting list of 20 students, ranked in order of need is formed to quickly take the place of those allocated students who leave school, leave the country, or become ORS funded. If you have any questions or require information pertaining to ICS, please contact RTLB Practice Leader Kay Petchell – kpetchell@rtlbcluster16.co.nz

**Incredible Years for Teachers (IYT)**

There are definitely two IYT courses booked for 2022. Bette-May currently has twenty names confirmed with some schools asking for places to be held. There could be potential for a third course if extra names are forward by mid-November. Please email names to bwaine@rtlbcluster16.co.nz asap. Thank you for your understanding and patience with the altering of current course dates due to covid. If you have any questions or require information pertaining to IYT, please contact RTLB Bette-May Waine - bwaine@rtlbcluster16.co.nz

**Te Waka Tamariki:**

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

**Gateway**

If you have any questions or require information pertaining to Gateway, please contact RTLB 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

Ngaa mihi

Take care, stay safe

Graeme Nobilo

RTLB Cluster 16 Manager