

NCRTLB Newsletter

Haere mai, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu and welcome to the third edition of our NCRTLB newsletter!



Term 3 2016

Important Dates

30 th August	Teacher Aide Professional learning – IYT strategies to promote positive behaviour
2 nd September	National RTLB survey closes
19 th September	Referral and Intake hui
18 th October	Referral and Intake hui
15 th October	Provisionally certificated Teacher – Community of Practice
19 th – 20 th October	Half -day IYT call back sessions

General Update

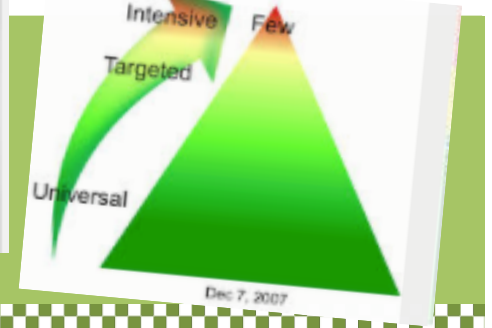
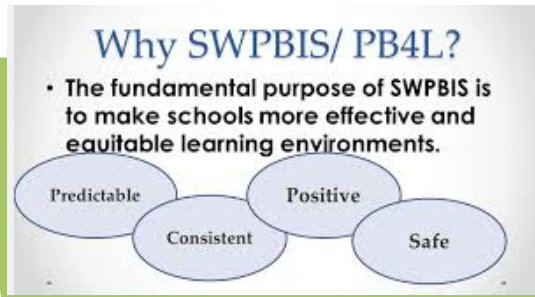
What an exciting time to be involved in Special Education. There is so much change in this space with the recent announcements from the Government. Reading the cabinet paper ‘Strengthening Inclusion and Modernising Learning Support,’ Hon Hekia Parata has certainly made the direction for learning support clear. As more detail comes to hand, we will be reviewing the impact on the RTLB service and keeping you updated.

In the recent Gazette, Canterbury’s Special Educations project was featured. <http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=9337> -The kua rite mātou – We are ready project was a collaboration between RTLB clusters, MOE and Kids First Kindergarten. It aims to smooth school transitions for 5 year olds starting school. The Circle of Wellbeing tool was used to guide the conversations and share strength based information to ensure a positive transition. There is ongoing work for us to work out how we can develop this work, build stronger relationships with NC Early Childhood sector and make this a business as usual approach.

Finally it is with sadness that I announce the resignation of Andrea Gordon from the NCRTLB team. Andrea is currently on maternity leave and has let us know that she will not be returning in 2017 as she has won a part-time position at Haeata Community Campus. I want to thank Andrea for all her contributions to the team and the North Canterbury cluster of schools and wish her all the very best in her future role.

Our Mission

Through innovation, collaboration and excellence, we will enhance teacher practice and school capability to improve student outcomes



NCRTL B Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive behaviour for learning School-wide (PB4L –SW) is an initiative that the MOE have supported schools across New Zealand to implement since 2010.

As more and more schools become involved, the MOE have managed the demand by prioritising Secondary Schools, decile 1-3 schools and have limited the spaces across the region.

As the criteria excludes many North Canterbury Schools, I requested permission from the MOE to run our own Tier 1 PBL training. Permission was granted and we have just completed our first year of supporting 7 schools and 3 pre-schools implement the framework through a series of five teams training days. We have also facilitated many staff and

parent training sessions around different modules depending on the needs of the school.

I am super proud of what these schools have achieved in such a short time. I feel that supporting schools at a local level has allowed us to be more responsive and flexible to meet their needs. It has also been a pleasure to involve three pre-schools and watch how they have taken the framework and adapted this to suit the uniqueness of their setting.

Planning forward to 2017, we will continue to support those schools trained through the development of a coach’s network. We are also interested to hear from any school that might be interested in Tier 1 training next year. Please email me ncrtlb@gmail.com to arrange a conversation.

What would you be signing up for?

Term 4 2016 - Tim and I would complete a SET – data collection that measures how your current system align with the framework and supports the writing of your action plan.

2017 – Introductory forum with staff to ensure we have buy-in and introduce the key concepts.

Support to establish the team to lead this work in the school.

Your team will attend 5 team day training sessions throughout the year.

Follow this link to find out more information about the key concepts.

<http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-School-Wide/What-is-PB4L-School-Wide>

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Incredible Years Teachers 2017



Over 2016, 32 teachers have participated in the IYT training expertly facilitated by the NCRTL B Group Leaders, Lynne, Alice, Anthony and Kay. They are looking forward to running their final half-day call back session in October.

As we look towards 2017, we are shifting the focus to include teachers from Early Childhood Centers.

We plan to run one programme and are looking to enrol 10 pre-school teachers and 10 primary teachers who teach in years 1 and 2. We see that there are many benefits from this approach, including building relationships and shared knowledge to support transitions. Erin Sturman (MOE) will be sending out enrolment information soon.

As places will be limited I suggest booking a space even though you might not necessarily confirm which teacher(s) will attend.

If you would like to find out more information about the content of the programme, please contact Lynne (lynne.ncrtlb@gmail.com) or Alice (alice.ncrtlb@gmail.com).

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou
Kelly Watson – Cluster Manager

Food for Thought

Eye-Opening Video Will Make Adults Reconsider The Way They Talk To Children

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/eye-opening-video-will-make-adults-reconsider-the-way-they-talk-to-children_us_57b36f62e4b0edfa80d9ddcc

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