

# Newsletter for principals Secondary student achievement initiative

Newsletter for secondary principals and senior leaders | Term 3 | August 2012

## Kia ora koutou

This is the latest in our regular communications to secondary school leaders in the Northern and Central North regions about progress in the secondary student achievement professional learning and development initiative for middle leaders.

In this issue we feature our new website pages on Te Kete Ipurangi where we have listed details of all clusters, workshops and e-newsletters for middle leaders across all learning areas, as well as information about the Ministry of Education's outcomes for our work.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about anything in this newsletter.

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## Professional development for secondary middle leaders

Support is available to all middle leaders in the form of face-to-face or online clusters, regional workshops and e-newsletters targeted at middle leaders in every learning area. For selected schools, indepth professional development is also available, allocated through the Ministry of Education regional offices.

Key focus areas for professional development include supporting middle leaders with effective teaching, learning and assessment strategies, NCEA standards alignment, and learning area literacy needs, in the context of *The New Zealand Curriculum*.

## A focus on student achievement

The focus for this professional development is to work with secondary middle leaders to help raise achievement for all students, and particularly for Māori and Pasifika students and those with special learning needs. A major focus is working with middle leaders to take into account the identity, language and culture of all students.

Our new website focuses on professional learning and development for secondary middle leaders



We have been working with the Ministry of Education to establish a website within TKI that outlines the professional development available to secondary middle leaders in English-medium schools:

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Ministry-curriculum-guides/Secondary-middle-leaders/Professional-learning-and-development>

Here, middle leaders can:

- get details of free workshops
- join regional clusters
- download e-newsletters
- request future e-newsletters
- network with National Co-ordinators



## Supporting regional teacher only days

One feature of our workshop delivery this year has been our capacity to support regional principals associations in their local teacher only days, with a particular focus on supporting teachers and middle leaders with the standards alignment process at NCEA levels 2 and 3. By mid-August, Team Solutions facilitators will have delivered 51 workshops for over 1,000 middle leaders and teachers as part of our support for regional teacher only days organised by principals associations in Waikato, Northland, Gisborne and Hawke's Bay. This is in addition to a range of other regional workshops being offered throughout the Northern and Central North regions.



Teachers discuss standards alignment in Health and Physical Education at a workshop facilitated by Team Solutions as part of the Tairāwhiti Secondary Principals Association teacher only day in Gisborne on July 30.



Waikato technology teachers explore the standards alignment process during a teacher only day workshop at Hauraki Plains College on June 15.

Have you seen ...

## Inspirational speech: brown brother

If you haven't seen this yet, check out the speech made by Mt Roskill Grammar School prefect Joshua Iosefo, which found its way onto u-tube and then onto television via TV3's Campbell Live.

The speech is inspirational and challenging, speaking with vigour, intelligence and sincerity about what it means to be a 'brown brother' at secondary school in New Zealand, from Joshua's point of view.



Joshua Iosefo, Mt Roskill Grammar School prefect

Joshua's speech can be seen on Campbell Live at:  
<http://bit.ly/NHbjsC>

## ERO's recent report: Improving Education Outcomes for Pacific Learners

Go to this link below from the ERO website and download the above report, released in June this year:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/National-Reports/%28year%29/2012>



## Free regional workshops

Regional workshops provide opportunities for middle leaders to come together to hear key messages and share effective practice around teaching, learning and assessment. Key focus areas have included standards alignment at NCEA level 2, with a greater focus coming on level 3 in the second half of the year.

Check out our website to get information about regional workshops being offered across the regions in a wide range of subjects:

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Ministry-curriculum-guides/Secondary-middle-leaders/Professional-learning-and-development>

## Facilitating clusters for middle leaders

Regional clusters provide opportunities for middle leaders to come together to develop learning-focused communities. This can be particularly valuable for those middle leaders who may be the only specialist teacher of a subject in their school. We have facilitated over 110 cluster sessions already this year and key focus areas have included supporting middle leaders with the NCEA standards alignment process, culturally responsive pedagogy, and learning area literacy and language strategies. There is also the opportunity to share challenges and to co-construct the agenda of these sessions.

## Community facilitators appointed to support schools and communities

We are delighted to have on our facilitation team, a number of specialist facilitators experienced in supporting schools with community engagement. We have appointed five facilitators who will work with schools to strengthen their connections with communities, with whanau Māori, and with Pasifika communities to support student learning.

We have also appointed two specialist facilitators to assist schools to support students with special education needs and develop connections with the parents of these students.

A list of our facilitators is on the final page of this newsletter.

## Indepth support

Due to the Ministry's re-focus of professional development services, schools/departments are no longer able to directly request indepth support from providers as they could in previous years. Ministry regional offices now prioritize and allocate indepth support in association with the appropriate professional development provider.

For indepth support, facilitators work closely over a period of time with senior and middle leaders on goals negotiated with the school.

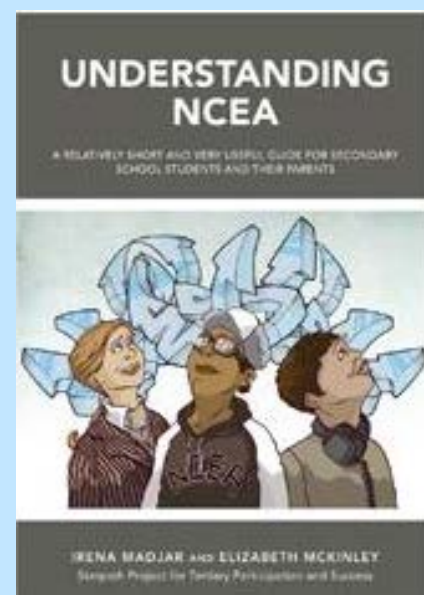
The University of Auckland has been allocated a number of schools from the Northern and Central North regions where indepth work is being scoped, planned and delivered.

## New NCEA guide – does your school community know about this book?

### Understanding NCEA

Authors: Irena Madjar and Elizabeth McKinley of the Starpath Project at The University of Auckland  
Publisher: NZCER Press

This book explains in plain language how NCEA works, including stories drawn from the real-life experiences of over 100 students who have navigated various NCEA pathways. There is also a chapter specifically for parents.



Available online for \$20.50 from Kohia Education Centre:

<http://store.educationcentre.auckland.ac.nz/understanding-ncea-a-relatively-short-and-very-useful-guide-for-secondary-school-students-and-their-parents/>

A Samoan translation of this book, **Malamalama i le NCEA**, is available at a special price from NZCER:  
<http://www.nzcer.org.nz/nzcerpress>



# Secondary Student Achievement professional learning and development

## The University of Auckland facilitation team

### **National Director**

Karl Mutch

### **Regional Lead Facilitators**

Nicky Glasgow (Northern Region)  
Irene Andersen (Northern Region)  
Stephanie Norrie (Central North Region)

### **Whanau Māori**

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Rachel Laurenson (Northern Region)  
Manawa-ote-Rangi Waipara (Central North Region)

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Joanne Walker (Northern Region)  
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Jane Norridge (Central North Region)

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### **Health and Physical Education**

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### **Social Sciences**

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### **Technology**

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Beth McCrystal (Northern Region)  
Malcolm Howard (Central North Region)

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