



OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER for 2008

Welcome

I hope everyone has had a relaxing break. No doubt you are all settled for the term now.



I am sending this newsletter out with the invoices from the Management Committee, in the future our newsletter will be online. You will be prompted to look at the site regularly to ensure you are kept up to date with what is happening.

REMINDER to Principals

As a requirement of the project we need to monitor the progress of teachers and students throughout the time the project is running. To do this we need to select staff randomly to complete a baseline survey. I will conduct this skills focussed survey over the phone. This is why I requested staff names on the first questionnaire that was sent out. Some schools and ECE Centres have sent this information through to me, however I need everyone's staff names to conduct the random selection. It would be very helpful if this could be done as soon as possible so I can carry out these surveys and then begin my work with staff and schools/ECE Centres.



What is the aim of the Project?

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE;

There are four KEY goals which the Management Committee have identified for the Project.

Goal 1: to build the capacity of teachers' skills in the use of ICT to enhance learning for students and capitalise on the ever increasing future growth in ICT applications

Goal 2: to expand, enhance and engage students in ICT learning opportunities that will enhance students achievement in literacy and numeracy and to support the WFPC outcomes

Goal 3: to reduce disparities and barriers to learning that reflect rural and cultural diversity and to improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy

Goal 4: to promote increased collaboration amongst WC teachers and

with teachers and education resources, nationally and internationally

WHAT IS KARORO'S ROLE?;

Goal 1: provide targeted PD for teachers across the education sector

Goal 2: support teachers to increase their use of ICT to support a learner-centred learning culture and integrate an ICT learner centred pedagogy across all subject areas and schools/ECE management

Goal 3: develop a learning environment in schools that will improve students' learning outcomes through ICT being used in a way that is central to all decision making (i.e. analysis of student achievement data and best practice teaching and learning)

Goal 4: empower schools and ECE centres to access learning opportunities that are outside their immediate environment.

Who is involved?

Altogether there are 23 schools and 3 ECE Centres on the project so far.

- Maruia School
- Westport North School
- Awahono School
- Kumara School
- St Mary's School (Hokitika)
- Hokitika Primary
- Runanga School
- Cobden School
- Lake Brunner School
- St Patrick's School Greymouth
- Grey Main School
- Blaketown School
- Karoro School
- Paroa School
- Kaniere School
- Kokatahi School
- Ross School
- Whataroa School
- Fox Glacier School
- Franz Josef School
- Jacobs River School
- Haast Primary School
- Paparoa Range School
- Kidsfirst Kindergarten, Greymouth
- Kidsfirst Kindergarten, Hokitika
- Kidsfirst Kindergarten, Karoro

(Who decided to join us at the end of last year)

What is happening?

I am off to South Westland Area School this week to see what exciting things they are doing with their Year 5 & 6 students. This will also be a planning meeting for them, which will be a perfect opportunity to see where the project best fits in for them this year.

I have arranged for the E-Learning Advisor to spend a week with us in the second and third terms. I will organise his bookings with clusters and/or individual schools during my visits this term.

Vicki from WestNet is keen to have some Primary teachers hook into their PD video conferences

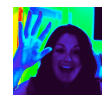


she has organised for this year. I will put this timetable up on the website together with more information after I have seen Vicki this week.

I am attending the ICT Cluster conference in Rotorua next week. The Methven Cluster has kindly let me join them so I am able to attend. Many thanks to Methven Primary School for allowing me to attend with them. I do not think anyone from the Coast has attended one of these for a number of years. It will be a good opportunity to see what is happening in clusters throughout NZ and to hear some inspiring key note speakers.

That is about all at this stage. Please visit the website

<http://ictwestcoast.ac.nz> to keep up to date with what is happening and to download information and other bits and pieces. I will give the lead teachers their access codes, to the private areas of the site, as I come around to visit them.



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