



Small Schools Newsletter

May 2008

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday.

- **Roger Hornblow's Workshops**

These received very positive feedback and hopefully you have found time to explore his CD that is packed with ideas. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the CD let me know.

- **ERO Visits**

There are several schools looking forward to welcoming ERO this term so all the best for a positive visit. Remember it is a chance to celebrate and be proud of the great work you do in your schools. Use an appreciative inquiry philosophy by focusing on what is working well in your schools and amplify what is working rather than focusing on the problems you are having. Very simply an assumption of appreciative inquiry is that when you do more of what works, the stuff that doesn't work goes away!

- **NZEI Conference**

A large group is heading north to the NZEI Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference this term so safe travelling and I know you will come back inspired.

- **MTLA Workshops**

The Marlborough Teachers in Leadership Association workshop with Cheryl Doig is on Thursday 19 June. *'Soft is hard! How to give feedback to bring about change'*. All schools will receive information about this workshop next week and although I have organised them for the MTLA I cannot stress enough that all interested principals and teachers are welcome to attend. It has yet to be confirmed but I am hopeful that Lesley Tait (Red Beach School) and Lyn Bird (Ilam School) will be presenting on the Wednesday 27 August before the Portage conference on the new curriculum and these sessions will be excellent PD for your staff so just giving you some advanced notice.

- **Christchurch Visit**

Some schools have expressed interest in using their new curriculum release days to visit schools in Christchurch. To enable me to put a package together and ensure it fully meets your needs a one minute form is attached!

- **Small Schools PD Days**

Below are the PD days organised for the rest of 2008. Our workshop on implementing the new curriculum is in week 3 on Thursday 22 May. Last term I sent out a flyer asking how best this day could meet your needs and have summarized the responses on the registration flyer attached. Feel free to add to this list if you have any other thoughts. I would like to get these to Simon and Gary asap so please can I have all **registrations by Monday 12 May**.

- **Halligan Hilton**

Always remember to help you keep costs down there is always a bed at my place for any of our Kaikoura colleagues wanting to attend any PD in Blenheim.

Small Schools Cluster Meetings for 2008

Term 2: -Implementing the New Curriculum (Attached registration form due back by Monday 12 May)

Thursday 22 May - St Mary's Parish Centre-Maxwell Road

Simon Heath: 9:30-12:30

Gary Hildyard: 1:30-2:30

Term 3: Kaikoura Meeting – Thursday 7 August

Implementing the New Curriculum-Jillian Gallagher from West Eyreton ,Christchurch

Jillian was highly recommended by Colin Williams (Leadership and Management Adviser) and she has held several successful workshops in Christchurch so book your reliever now.

Term 4: All too busy!

Enjoy the term!

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