Resource Teacher: Learning & Behaviour Service Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to a new term which has plenty of challenges as schools plan to provide remote and face-to-face learning opportunities for their learners as we progress through COVID-19 Alert Levels. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can support you.

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Dates for your calendars

31 May 2020 – 2019 Annual Financial Reports due

24 July - Term 1 qualitative data collection

24 July – Term 1 qualitative reports due to RTLB.enquiries@education.govt.nz mailbox

RTLB National Forum

We have decided to cancel the RTLB Lead School Forum for 2020 with the agreement of the Exec. We will work with members of the Exec to identify opportunities for Zoom professional learning and development over the coming months.

Staff Changes

At the end of this term we will farewell Jude Harris, Malia Tuala, and Sam Tiatia, managers of clusters 5, 6 and 4 respectfully.

Thank you both for your dedication to the RTLB service and to your teams during your time as cluster managers. We wish you well as you move on to new adventures.

RTLB Toolkit

We are currently working with the RTLB Executive, and others within the service to update the RTLB Professional Practice Toolkit in preparation for *He Pikorua* being available online next term. The edited document will be shared with Ministry Managers Learning Support for their feedback during the school holidays. We hope to circulate the final Toolkit to clusters early in Term 3.

Dyslexia Resources

The resources: About dyslexia: supporting literacy in the classroom; and the NZ Dyslexia Handbook are due to be sent out to clusters during the week of 25 June. Packages will be addressed to employing schools, to the attention of clusters.

Learning Support Registers

As we draw closer to the roll-out of the standardised Learning Support Register (sLSR) on the Te Rito Platform, a web page containing information on the sLSR is now available. This page contains information on the sLSR along with videos to help schools better understand its purpose and use, as well as tips for them to think about when creating a manual register and information sharing.

RTLB Study Awards 2021

Applications for 2021 RTLB study awards will open on 1st August 2020. Please remind those RTLB who are preparing to study, to submit an application noting the following:

- The online application form will be available from 1st August on the Ministry's website. https://www.education.govt.nz/school/peopleand-employment/principals-andteachers/scholarships-for-people-working-inschools/special-education-study-awards-andscholarships/learning-and-behaviour-studyaward/
- From 2021, Massey University is the single programme provider for the PG Diploma Specialist Teaching. Please send any programme related enquiries to: Roseanne MacGillivray Postgraduate Administrator ioe-postgraduate @massey.ac.nz 06 356 9099 Extn 83072
- Please ensure those RTLB currently completing their first year of the study understand they WILL NOT need to apply again for the study award for 2021. The offer letter they received prior to commencing their first year covers two years of study so there is no need for them to re-apply for the award for their second year.
- As usual, the Ministry will not accept any late applications submitted after 30th September 2020, so please encourage your RTLB to submit their applications before the deadline.

Surplus Funds

The Ministry does not intend to retrieve unspent funds (surpluses) at the end of the 2020 school year. We will look at whether this is appropriate at the end of the current Funding Agreement term which takes us through until 31 December 2021.

General Information



RTLB Enquiries mailbox

For enquiries regarding the RTLB service, please email RTLB.Enquiries@education.govt.nz

In-Class Support

For enquiries regarding In-Class Support, please contact your local Ministry office.

Year 11+ Funding

For enquiries regarding Year 11+ Funding (formerly RTLB Year 11-13 Funding), please contact your local Ministry office.

Local Ministry offices

For contact details and information on your local ministry office and 10 regions covering New Zealand, visit education.govt.nz/our-work/contact-us/regional-ministry-contacts/

Learning Support Delivery Model

Read more about the <u>Learning Support Delivery Model here.</u>

Learning Support Coordinators
Read more about Learning Support Coordinators here.

RTLB online toolkit

The Professional Practice online toolkit http://rtlb.tki.org.nz/

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