

Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour



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Tēnā koutou Cluster Managers and Lead School Principals

It has been full-on for all of us over the past few weeks. A roller-coaster comes to mind!

1. Your Questions

We have been fielding a wide range of questions from around the country. The **Massey website** is updated regularly with answers to your Albany questions, so it is advisable to look there regularly to check whether there are any new answers or revisions. If there is anything you are unsure of, or you have a particular concern or issue that I may be able to assist with please do not hesitate to contact me by email anne.tuffin@minedu.govt.nz – no issue too curly!!

2. National Referral Database

I am very aware of the need to move quickly on this. Many clusters, I know, have purchased, or are poised to purchase, software to manage referrals etc. My advice is that it would be prudent to hold off from expensive or long-term commitments until the national database is developed. I know the Ministry can be seen to move too slowly, but I'm hoping this will be an exception.

To get things moving, I am calling for **expressions of interest** from Cluster Managers and Principals, to come to Wellington for a one-day **meeting on Thursday 1 March** to develop the service specifications for the database. So if you have features you want in a national database, do consider putting your name forward.

Please send your **expression of interest**, outlining what you would bring to the meeting, to me anne.tuffin@minedu.govt.nz by this Thursday 23 February. I'm looking at a small working group of about four.

3. Learning Support Fund and Y11-13 funding

This is clearly an issue that needs some good heads to look at how we can be more consistent in the use of these funds, especially the Y11-13 funding.

So, like with the database, I am calling for **expressions of interest** from Cluster Managers and Principals, to come to Wellington for a one-day meeting on **Thursday 8 March** to develop national guidelines to support your use of these funds.

If you are interested, please send your **expression of interest**, outlining what you would bring to the meeting, to me anne.tuffin@minedu.govt.nz by this Thursday 23 February.

4. Previous fund-holder schools' financial statements

I had indicated to some of you that we (you *and* the Ministry) would be following up on those schools that have failed to send in their reports. My answer is partly incorrect – the Ministry had previously given an assurance that it would do the follow up, as it is not considered appropriate for a Lead School to be chasing up your colleagues in this way. So to remove all doubt – **the Ministry is following up** through the Regional Offices.

5. Contact information

The email list that I have used to send this email may not have reached all Cluster Managers or Principals.

Could you please **run a quick check** on my behalf – **Check** that your Principal/CM has received this email. If they haven't, please **reply to me by return email** with their correct contact details, including their email address so that I can refresh my email list.

Finally.....

Thank you for your warm feedback and lively conversations over the past week. My aim is to respond to you as quickly as possible, and to do anything I can to make your job easier through this process. I know you, like me, all want to develop the very best RTL service you can!

Hei konā rā
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