

Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour



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We are well underway to transform the RTLB service alongside the school sector.

We want you to know of changes that will affect your school. Two ways for you to keep up to date are via this newsletter as well as Te Kete Ipurangi [<http://rtlb.tki.org.nz/Transforming-RTLb-service>]

Latest update

- Two sector working groups were established to help redesign the RTLB service. We asked relevant professional associations to nominate members for these groups. We were impressed with the high level of interest to take part but this meant not all who were nominated are on a group. Fortunately it meant that broad sector representation across the two working groups was possible.
- The Practitioners' Working Group met on 21-22 March to review the RTLB toolkit and recommend how best to align RTLB standards with other relevant teaching standards. The group is now reviewing chapters 8-9 of the RTLB toolkit and developing a set of professional standards. You can find out more about the group and its progress [on-line](#).
- The Principals' Working Group is looking at new RTLB cluster boundaries and how schools will be selected to lead the transformed RTLB service. Members will meet on 31 March to continue proposed cluster redesign discussions as well as talk about processes for consultation and implementation. Find out more about this groups progress and latest work [on-line](#).

Help us to improve this newsletter

We plan to send this email newsletter regularly so would appreciate your feedback. Please send any suggestions via email to Hélène Peyroux helene.peyroux@minedu.govt.nz

UPDATE on RTLb Transformation

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Current transformation timeline

Any changes to this will be communicated through future newsletters.

2010	Sep	Minister Tolley's announcement Design phase began
2011	Jun	Design phase ends
	Sep	New lead schools are selected
	Nov	Cluster managers are selected
2012	Feb	Implementation in schools

Principals' working group members

The group's [terms of reference](#) can be found online.

Principal's Name	School
Allan Vester	Edgewater College
Brent Caldwell	Wakari School
Charles Oliver	Wanganui Intermediate
James Le Marquand	Arohanui Special School
Kate Shevland	Orewa College
Michael Williams	Pakuranga College
Phil Palfrey	Manurewa East School
Phil Tappenden	Kirkwood Intermediate
Tone Kolose	Wymondley Road School

About the transformation

Through this work we seek to:

- strengthen governance, management and practice quality
- target funding and resources to where it is most needed
- improve the quality of advice and interventions
- improve the alignment with other special education services and support
- provide consistent quality of service nationally
- improve the impact made by RTLB
- address conflicting expectations within the sector of what the service should provide
- strengthen professional leadership
- provide a career pathway for RTLB create opportunities for RTLB to specialise in support areas such as Māori, Pasifika, secondary, and ASD.

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Transformation of Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour Service
<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=8302>

Special Education – RTLB – Transforming an essential service
<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=8264>

Taking down the barriers
<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=8195>

Practitioners' working group members

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Practitioner	Role	School
Alison Kearney	RTLB Trainer	Massey University
Anne Best	RTLB	Blenheim (Primary) School
Anne Boulton	Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)	Pukekohe Hill Primary School
Annette MacDonald	RTLB	Upper Hutt (Primary) School
Barry Parsonson	Psychologist & Lead Practitioner	Ministry of Education - Hawke's Bay
Caron Watson	Deputy Principal (DP)	Holy Family School
Cherye Middleton	RTLB	Westport South School
Denise Arnerich	Team Leader	Ministry of Education - Literacy
Erika Locke	RTLB	Rotorua Intermediate School
Grant Gunning	District Manager	Ministry of Education - Hawke's Bay
Hahona Paraki	RTLB	Waverley Park Primary
Jan Morrison	RTLB	St Johns College
Joss Hukui-Leebody	RTLB	Clayton Park Primary
Jude Gunn	RTLB	Lincoln Primary
Kerrie Lomas	RTLB	One Tree Point School
Sarah Pledger	SENCO	Balaclava School
Trudi Brocas	Board Chairperson	Western Heights (Primary) School
Wendy Jochem	DP	Freyberg High School

Have your say

Throughout the design phase, we encourage you to discuss ideas with your association representatives on the two working groups.

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