

Resource Teacher: Learning & Behaviour Service Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the start of the 2018 school year. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the following new cluster managers:

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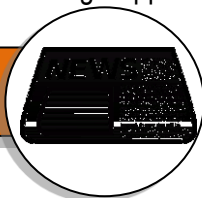
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you and your clusters in any way.

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ERO Review of RTLB Clusters

The ERO review of RTLB clusters that occurred in terms 2 and 3 2017 is available here:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/publications/resource-teachers-learning-and-behaviour-governing-and-managing-rtlb-clusters/>

Dates for your calendars

9 February	Term 4, 2017 data collection
1 March	RTLB Annual and Strategic Plans due RTLB Annual Narrative Reports due
22 March	Lead School Principals' Executive group quarterly meeting with MOE staff
27-28 March	Cluster Manager National Forum (Auckland)
12-13 September	National Lead School Forum (Wellington)

Induction for new lead school principals and cluster managers

This year there are two RTLB lead school principals and ten cluster managers who have been appointed within the last year. The Ministry has offered to fund the following support to each of these principals and managers:

1. Ongoing 1-to-1 mentoring from a more experienced lead school principal or cluster manager during 2018
2. A 2-day hui on 21 and 22 February 2018 in Auckland for the group and their mentors covering a range of topics including: roles of board of trustees, lead school principal, cluster manager, practice leaders; managing finance; property; planning and reporting; and the RTLB model of practice.
3. A follow-up 2 day hui with the group in term 3, 2018.

Incredible Years Autism

From March 2018, two new programmes will be available for parents and teachers of children aged 2-5 with autism: Incredible Years Autism and Incredible Years Helping Children with Autism. This training is not available for RTLB. For further information about the programmes click [here](#).

Learning Support Network

The Learning Support Network (LSN) is a new space for school leaders of learning support/SENCOs throughout New Zealand to connect, communicate and collaborate with each other online and offline.

The space will provide a national repository of resources that members themselves co-create, curate and evaluate. <https://www.thelearningsupportnetwork.org/>

In-Class Support (ICS) Clarification

This is a reminder that RTLB can action a *Request for Support* for students who receive In-Class Support (ICS) if the teachers of these students require additional support to manage their needs.

Annual Reports

Clusters' Annual and Strategic Plans, Annual Narrative Reports and Staffing Snapshots are due on 1 March 2018. Please email these to the Ministry national office at: RTLB.Enquiries@education.govt.nz

This year clusters will receive feedback on their reports from local Ministry offices using the same format as 2017. Local Ministry will be in a better position to provide more tailored feedback on clusters' reports. They will also be able to support clusters ameliorate some of the risks and issues identified in the report, to learn from clusters' innovative practices as well as things that have not gone well, and to support clusters' strategic and annual plans.

Clusters' Annual Financial Reports along with the Board Declarations are not due until 31 May 2018.

Education Matters to Me: Key insights

During October and November 2017, the Children's Commission and the School Trustees Association engaged with 1,678 children and young people to hear their views on education. The report summarises the experiences of children and young people; in particular what is working well and how things could be better for them. The report can be found [here](#).

What's new in the library?

The Ministry of Education Library has recently been reviewed, and the library is moving to be more self-service. The main change is that you'll need to do your own searches, download your own articles, and request books directly from the online library catalogue.

The Ministry have upgraded their website pages to provide you with help and support online.

If the library don't hold something in their collection you'll need to see if your local library can get it for you, or ask the library where you study.

Email the library at education.library@education.govt.nz or visit the [Education Library website](#)

New resources for March 2018 are now available on the library's website

[View lists of our most recent books and selected articles](#), as well as tables of contents from the latest key journals.

Updated pages on the website

The Ministry have recently made major updates to a number of pages on their website. These changes will make it easier for you to find the information you need. Check out their refreshed [search and find](#), [about](#), and [how to](#) sections.

When to log in

You will only need to log in to the website to request books via the library catalogue, access your account (e.g. to renew books and manage your new resource email alerts), or use the website from outside your office.

[Request a username and password](#) if you don't have one yet.

Password recovery

[Recover your library password](#) if you've forgotten it (you'll need to enter your library username and your email address).

Keep up-to-date

[Subscribe to our regular email alerts](#) about new library resources.

Selected highlights

The best leaders are great teachers, by Sydney Finkelstein.

Harvard business review 96 (1), 2018, p. 142-145 (*article*).

Describes approaches that exceptional leaders use to teach employees effectively.

[Click here to read this article](#)

Bringing context out of the shadows of leadership, by Philip Hallinger.

Educational management, administration & leadership 46 (1), 2018, p. 5-24 (*article*).

Investigates the contexts in which school leaders operate. Looks at how community, socio-cultural, institutional, political, economic, and school improvement contexts influence school leadership practice.

[Click here to read this article](#)

Invest in yourself, by Daniel W. White.

TD: Talent development 71 (12), 2017, p. 64-65 (*article*).

Looks at how people can manage their own professional development. Covers: identifying areas of development; setting goals; and assessing progress.

[Click here to read this article](#)

Send requests for the two items below to

education.library@education.govt.nz

An innovative approach to assessing more complex outcomes of learning, by Karyn White & Rosemary Hipkins.

SET: research information for teachers 3, 2017, p. 15-19 (*article*).

Describes strategies developed by teachers at Manukau's Alfriston College to capture outcomes of learning from an innovative integrated Year 9 course. Illustrates how these outcomes integrate aspects of multiple key competencies with more traditional knowledge outcomes.

The jigsaw children, by Will Hazell.

Times educational supplement 5276, 2017, p. 32-37 (*article*).

Contends that many vulnerable students in the UK do not receive the support they require owing to a failure by agencies involved in their care to piece together the different aspects of their needs. Looks at how some school leaders are responding to this situation.

General Information



RTL B Enquiries mailbox

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

In-Class Support mailbox

For enquiries regarding In-Class Support, please email In-Class.Support@education.govt.nz

Local Ministry offices

For contact details and information on your local ministry office and 10 regions covering New Zealand, visit <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/regional-ministry-contacts/>

Communities of Learning | Kahui Ako

For information about the Communities of Learning | Kahui Ako, visit <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/col/>

RTL B online toolkit

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

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