

# Resource Teachers: Learning & Behaviour Service Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to a new term as clusters continue to support their schools, teachers and learners 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

5 August: RTLB Executive Meeting with MOE

In discussion with the RTLB Executive, we have agreed to delay the distribution of the survey until Term 4. We will advise you of the Survey opening and closing dates as soon as these are confirmed with the Executive.

## School Attendance Reports

A high level summary of the weekly attendance survey of early learning centres and schools undertaken during COVID-19 can be found [here](#). The data includes a breakdown by Education region, ethnicity, and decile.

## Staff Changes

This term we welcome the following new cluster managers:

Cluster 3: Steve McNeil

Cluster 5: Sandra Frakes and Rhian Williams (Acting)

Cluster 6: Lin Avery (Acting)

Cluster 7: Leanne Eloff

Cluster 18: Maryanna Casey (Acting)

Julia Langford is stepping away from her role of cluster manager for RTLB Cluster 7. We would like to thank Julia for her commitment to leading and managing her team since the transformation of the service.

Miller Avenue School will discontinue as the lead school of RTLB Cluster 15 at the end of this term. We would like to thank Kaye Ferguson and the board of trustees for their many years of support of the RTLB Team.

## RTLB Toolkit

The RTLB Practice Toolkit has been updated in preparation for the release of *He Pikorua*. We have worked with the RTLB Executive and Managers Learning Support to update the Toolkit, including removing the RTLB 10-step practice sequence and principles of practice. *He Pikorua* is the framework that all RTLB and Ministry of Education learning support practitioners will use from the beginning of the 2021 school year.

## Education Gazette Article

The Education Gazette issued on 29 June features 'Education Workforce'. Learning Support Study Awards is featured from page 16. [Here](#) is the link for the online version. The article includes an interview with Massey University talking about the new specialist teaching qualification as well as short interviews with past award recipients.

## RTL B Study 2021

### Study Block Course Dates for 2021

The block course dates are listed below:

*For the existing programme (Year 2 Only)*

Massey University – (Albany Campus, Auckland):

- 4 February 2021 – Evidence-Based Interprofessional Practice
- 5 February 2021 – Practicum

University of Canterbury – (Christchurch)

- 28 June 2021 – Evidence-Based Interprofessional Practice
- 29 June 2021 – Practicum

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*For the new programme (Year 1 Only)*

Massey University – (Albany Campus, Auckland):

- 9 & 10 February 2021 – Course 2: Professional Learning Pathways
- 10 & 11 February 2021 – Course 1: Theory & Practice

Massey University – (Albany Campus, Auckland):

- 5 & 6 July 2021 – Course 2: Professional Learning Pathways
- 6 & 7 July 2021 - Course 1: Theory & Practice

## Teacher Aide PLD Funding

On 1 July, applications opened for a new pilot fund that provides teacher aides easier access to PLD opportunities.

The fund is open to all teacher aides employed in state and state integrated schools. They can apply to attend a course that supports the development of their skills and knowledge in a way that contributes to the vision of their school or kura and the learning needs of students and ākonga.

Teacher aides can apply by completing and emailing the downloadable form to [pld.enquiries@education.govt.nz](mailto:pld.enquiries@education.govt.nz), or online using ESL following the information on the [PLD website](#) about this process and on getting an ESL. They can also use this email address for any enquiries.

If applicants need help with the online process, please refer them to our Education Service Desk team on 0800 422 599 or [service.desk@education.govt.nz](mailto:service.desk@education.govt.nz).

## General Information



### RTL B Enquiries mailbox

For enquiries regarding the RTL B service, please email [RTL.B.Enquiries@education.govt.nz](mailto:RTL.B.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 RTL B 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/](http://education.govt.nz/our-work/contact-us/regional-ministry-contacts/)

### Learning Support Delivery Model

Read more about the [Learning Support Delivery Model here](#).

### Learning Support Coordinators

Read more about [Learning Support Coordinators here](#).

### RTL B online toolkit

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

### He Pikorua

Read more about He Pikorua <https://hepikorua.education.govt.nz/>

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