

# Resource Teachers: Learning & Behaviour Service Newsletter



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Ngā mihi mahana koutou

Thanks to all of you who have been so welcoming and helpful to me as I get started in the role. I look forward to meeting you and working together in the future. This term our Ministry team at national office has said goodbye to Sarah Hennessy and welcomed Donna Caddie - Manager, Estlin Howland and Michelle Dawe.

Jill Ford

## Calendar dates

- 26 May registration site for Cluster Managers and Lead School Forum open. Travel booking requests by 31 June please.
- 29 June RTLB Executive Meeting
- 28-29 June Canterbury block course Evidence Based Interprofessional Practice (CHCH)
- 5-6 July Massey Course 2 Professional Learning Pathways (Albany)
- 6-7 July Massey Course 1 Theory and Practice (Albany)
- 17-18 August Cluster Managers and Lead School Forum
- 6 August applications for study awards open
- 31 September applications for study awards close – *note no late applications*
- Term 3 (dates to be advised)
  - RTLB Satisfaction Survey
  - Induction for new CM and LS principals
- 24–26 November Hui a Tau Nelson

## Massey course accommodation

An accommodation flyer for the 5-7 July Massey contact workshops is attached.

## Massey Cluster Mentor Network

Malia and Wendy extend their thanks to everyone who has contributed to the re-designed Specialist Teaching Programme. The new cohort has commented on the relevance of study to their practice, and especially the value of having real-world examples of RTLB practice from the RTLB Panel, webinars, voice-over presentations and content curated by, and for, the sector.

One exciting initiative is the **Cluster Mentor Network** that has been established to extend the partnership between the Specialist Teaching programme and RTLB clusters. The network includes Practice Leaders and others from almost every cluster.



The focus of the network is:

- National conversations about practice to ensure the alignment of practice and study, for instance changes in the educational landscape and hot topics/new developments in the regions.
- Continued co-design and co-development of specialist teacher modules – for instance, identifying Mahi Whakahirahira | Practice That Shines in order to foreground and make connections to good practice nationally.
- Co-crafting the role of the cluster mentor, with an emphasis on how an understanding of the programme might enable mentors to create cluster-based opportunities for students to connect new learning with the casework/practice, and to share new learning more widely to benefit the cluster/sector as a whole.

## Neurodiversity

The Ministry is starting to develop tools and resources (learning modules) for whānau, families, and kaiako on neurodiversity and inclusive design. This work will build off the [Universal Design for Learning Guidelines](#). There is an Advisory Group from diverse backgrounds providing guidance and feedback into the content and implementation of modules. Stephanie Evans is an RTLB representative in the Advisory Group. The groups first meeting was in May.

Michelle Dawe

## Supporting Akonga Māori

The refreshed '[Supporting ākonga Māori](#)' guide on the [Inclusive Education website](#) is now live. The two new parts to the guide are a section on [How to use this guide](#) and a new strategy [Developing cultural capability](#). The suggestions under the new strategy focus on upholding rights, promoting kaupapa Māori, developing critical consciousness and leading inclusive practice. This guide has consistently been in the top 10 most accessed guides on the site. Hopefully these new sections will further enhance its usefulness to kaiako, kaiārahi and tumuaki who are working to address cultural bias and inequities in their education settings.

Vonnie Jones



## Leadership changes

Cluster 40 is farewelling Cluster Manager Christine Broere who finishes in June. She will be replaced by Brent Tagomoa. In July, Cluster Manager Raymond Webb will be farewelled by Cluster 10. He will be replaced by Tamara Gersbach. Welcome to the new Cluster Managers and best wishes to Christine and Ray.

## Budget 21

Budget 2021 provides additional operating investment of \$1.4 billion and capital investment of \$746.8 million over 4 years for Vote Education. This includes \$90m for operational grant increases and \$67.4m to support students with additional learning needs. Click here for a [summary of initiatives](#)

## Cluster Manager and Lead School Forum 2021

The Cluster Manager and Lead School forum will be held on 17 & 18 August 2021 at the James Cook Hotel in Wellington. Cluster Managers and Lead School Principals please register and book by 31 June using the link below.

<https://planmyevent.eventsair.com/ministry-of-education---rtlb-national-forum/>

## Unteach Racism

For your interest. The Teaching Council has been progressed work to support teachers to participate in *Give Nothing to Racism* by looking at the contribution that they can make in accord with *Our Code | Ngā Tikanga Matatika*. See [Unteach Racism: Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

## Support to access Microsoft guides

If clusters are having difficulty accessing Microsoft licenses contact datacom on [psglicnz@datacom.co.nz](mailto:psglicnz@datacom.co.nz) or <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/software/microsoft/> for further information

## Learning Support Coordinator Phase 1 evaluation

Synergia have completed the phase 1 evaluation of LSC implementation and the phase 2 evaluation is underway. [The Phase 1 report](#) is available.

## Updating the guide to Governing and Managing RTLB Clusters

In 2020 the RTLB Practice Toolkit was updated to reflect *He Pikorua*. In 2021 the Executive and the Ministry are finalising updates to the guide. The updated version will be on TKI in June/July.



## RTLB Enquiries mailbox

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

## He Pikorua and the Learning Support Delivery Model

[He Pikorua \(education.govt.nz\)](#)  
[Learning Support Delivery Model here.](#)

## Learning Support Coordinators

[Learning Support Coordinators here.](#)

## RTLB online toolkit

<http://rtlb.tki.org.nz/>

## Bulletin

[Ministry Bulletin for School Leaders | He Pitopito Kōrero – Education in New Zealand](#)

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