

# Resource Teachers: Learning & Behaviour Service



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## *Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu - Feathers allow the bird to fly*

Tēnā koutou katoa me ngā mihi mahana. We would like to acknowledge the contribution you have all made this year, particularly through the challenges of Term 4. In particular, we acknowledge Ngā Pouwhirinakitanga and the team at Te Tai o Aorere (Cluster 30) for a successful Hui-a Tau. Also, we want to thank the RTLB and clusters who voluntarily provided support for classroom teaching in Term 4, resulting in positive feedback from schools.

This newsletter features some of the ways we are working together across the Ministry and the RTLB service. There are many other key interfaces, projects, collaborations not mentioned here but equally important in sharing RTLB expertise and perspectives and to implement He Pikorua. We hope you all have a restful break.

**Jill Ford, Donna Caddie and Estlin Howland**

### Calendar dates 2022

- Massey online zoom sessions for RTLB who are studying
  - Year 1 on 9 & 10 February 2022
  - Year 2 on 8 & 9 February 2022
- Cluster Manager forum - 31 March to 1 April 2022
- Induction for new Cluster Managers and Lead School Principals and mentors – 3 & 4 March 2022.

### Staff changes at the end of Term 4

For those who are leaving the RTLB service at the end of Term 4 thanks for your service, energy and commitment.

In particular we acknowledge Cluster Managers: Pip Wooffinden - Cluster 13, Christina Phillips - Cluster 20, Zoe Young - Cluster 25 and Sue de Ruiter - Cluster 36 and Lead School Principals: Robyn Lyall - Cluster 31, Kahu Walker - Cluster 19, and Tony Hunter - Cluster 39.

### 2021 National satisfaction survey is now closed

Despite COVID, we received 1,970 responses to the 2021 survey. This included 20 responses in Te Reo Māori and 1,950 in English. The national satisfaction with the quality of the RTLB service in 2021 remains at 78%, the same as the 2019 level, a great result.

## Ngā Pouwhirinakitanga - Hariata Green rāua ko Chris Graham Ngā Māngai ō Ngā Pouwhirinakitanga

Rau rangatira mā, tēnā koutou katoa. After a pause for 2020 we prepared a range of options to maintain the integrity and the mauri of Ngā Pouwhirinakitanga and Hui a Tau for 2021. Credit to the team at Te Tai o Aorere, for not only a successful event, but a reinvigorated roopu.

The work we have done as RTLB Māori, within our clusters continues to benefit our mokopuna and the work more recently with our Learning Support colleagues is blossoming. At this year's hui, a tono was accepted for Hui a Tau 2022 and we are pleased to announce that next year's Hui a Tau will be hosted by Cluster 24 on behalf of the Taranaki Rohe.

We are all in uncertain times and Pouwhirinaki will continue to work hard to support each other to enable the best support for our mokopuna. Ma te mahitahi, ka ora tatou!

### School wide evaluation - Matt Lee

The evaluation of PB4L-SW continues and key themes from the interviews conducted with RTLB are providing valuable insights. These will feed into the overall evaluation approach which we hope to complete and share during term one 2022. Special thanks goes to the RTLB we interviewed for their generous contribution of time and knowledge, and the Cluster Managers who supported their involvement. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou.

### Specialist teacher programme - Malia Tuala and Wendy Holley-Boen

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of the Specialist Teaching Programme – it was an amazing year! You may be interested in a summary/student evaluation of the refreshed [Year 1 Learning & Behaviour course](#) as well as critical information sent to incoming/current students regarding vaccination requirements and the now-online February contact workshop [Year 1](#) and [Year 2](#).

### Cluster Manager forum 2022 - Chris Patten

The 2022 Cluster Manager forum will to be held in Christchurch 31 March to 1 April 2022. Marie Petersen, Rupert Lerm and Chris Patten are organising the event and are looking forward to this opportunity for Cluster Managers to come together.

## NZRTL B Professional Learning Network (PLN) - Fiona Harkness and Cathy Pole

A summary of the feedback from the NZ RTL B PLN survey has recently been emailed to clusters. We have valued the opportunities we have had to engage with those of you who have reached out to offer support and to address any queries with regards to the PLN. We are excited by the opportunities this network of expertise (NEX) funding will provide the RTL B service and look forward to working with you on this.



## Bilingual Assessment update - Tjitske Hunter

The Migrant, Refugee and International Education (ESOL) Team trained 28 new RTL B bilingual assessors in the northern region in 2021, providing good coverage of assessors across the northern clusters. We planned to offer training in the Southern region in term 4 but was impacted by lockdown as the Ministry organisers and bilingual assessor training provider are from Auckland. The team will contract cluster managers about selection for future training. Ngā mihi nui.

## Physical restraint rules and guidelines – Shelley Dean

A Physical Restraint Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) was established in September 2020 to help the Ministry of Education update the physical restraint rules and guidelines following [changes to the law around the use of physical restraint in the Education and Training Act 2020](#). The Advisory Group includes representatives of parents, the education sector and disability communities.

We want to hear from RTL B Clusters, about whether these will work, and whether there are any gaps. The online consultation information and draft rules and guidelines can be found [here](#). Submissions are open until 31 March 2022.

The next steps are for the Ministry to work with the Advisory Group to consider the feedback, and make changes, before finalising the rules and guidelines for publication.

## LSC Evaluation Phase 2 report

Just released [LSC evaluation Phase 2](#)

## Ongoing Resourcing Scheme workshops for RTL B in 2022 - Carolyn Grace

Updated guidance to support the writing of ORS applications has been distributed to RTL B clusters. The verifier team will offer workshops for RTL B on all aspects of the ORS process from Term 2 2022. Please contact [manager.eligibility@education.govt.nz](mailto:manager.eligibility@education.govt.nz) to arrange a workshop for your cluster.

## Incredible Years Autism Training 2022

The Incredible Years Autism training will be available for clusters interested in delivering the programme from 2022. The IYA teacher programme is for teachers supporting young children on the autism spectrum aged 2 – 5. RTL B clusters can deliver the programme as part of the transition support from ECE to school settings. If you would like to know more about the programme and the approach to implement this programme in your cluster, please contact [akari.miyamoto@education.govt.nz](mailto:akari.miyamoto@education.govt.nz) or the performance and quality leads in your local Ministry office.

## What is new

- [Te Kura Huanui](#)
- [Guidance for schools on managing health conditions](#).
- Governing and Managing RTL B Clusters is now available on TKI
- the cluster lists of schools will be updated on TKI in January 2022.

## Key links

- [RTL B Enquiries](#)
- [COVID-19 – Education in New Zealand](#)
- [Ka Hikitia – Ka Hāpaaitia – Education in New Zealand](#)
- [Action Plan for Pacific Education 2020–2030 –](#)
- [The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities \(NELP\)](#)
- [Te Mahau](#)
- [Ministry offices](#)
- [Privacy information](#) and [training](#)
- [He Pikorua](#)
- [Learning Support Delivery Model](#)
- [Learning Support Coordinators](#)
- [RTL B toolkit](#)
- [IY queries](#)
- [PLD queries](#)
- [Education Library](#)
- [School Bulletin](#)

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