

# WHAKAORIORI KĀHUI AKO

## Panui/newsletter: LEAD UPDATE:

Janine Devenport



Well, we are here in 2021! There was a slightly bumpy start to the year with the change in levels but I know that everyone has done a great job of ensuring that this happens smoothly.

We have kicked off the year by welcoming our two new Across Sector Leads.

Aroha Pirere from Solway College who has previously been a Within School Lead and Kristy Boderick from Chanel College. Both of these amazing teachers will add great value to our team and have already started their tenures off with action.

Over the next couple of weeks you will have your Liaison Across Sector Lead come in and visit with you. As always we believe that this liaison role is the best way for you to get your ideas out to us and for us to capture those "Gems" that are happening in your schools and centres.

We have our first Kaitiaki meeting this coming week and then we are holding our first Within School Lead session in a couple of weeks. Please note that these WSL are an amazing resource for your school and it is important that they are released to attend the PLD sessions that are provided. These are only twice a term and schools receive additional staffing plus inquiry time in their staffing allocations to make it easy to get them there. The dates for these sessions are further on in the newsletter and also have been sent out in an email.

Our key workstreams this year fall out of our learning framework and achievement challenge.

- Success as Māori with Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy (Dr Ann Milne)
- Wellbeing/Hauora - PLD provided by the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience
- Progressions - The learning progressions framework

In each of these workstreams we are going to Navigate, Cultivate, Curate and Evaluate with the leaders and then use PLG, Student Led Inquiry and build teacher capacity.

We are currently migrating our website to its own domain and will update you when it goes live.

Nga mihi mahana

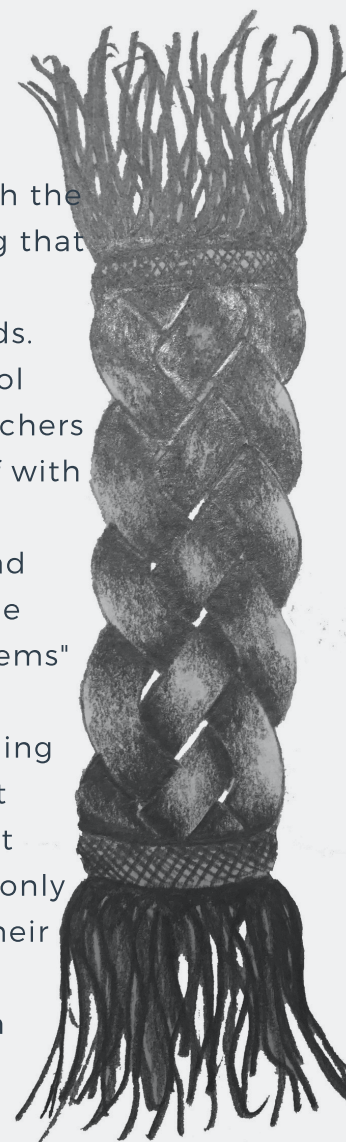
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**BY TEACHERS, FOR TEACHERS.**



## Whakaoriori Kāhui Ako

### VISION STATEMENT:

*We work together to ensure that all Whakaoriori students are successful and all ākonga will achieve to their potential.*



## Our Why...

Our ākonga need to know who they are, where they come from, where they want to go, and how they are going to get there.



**Behind The Why:** Our raranga represents the weaving of our story as Whakaoriori Kāhui Ako. The mahi of many (the strands), weaves together as our community supports the growth and strength of our ākonga. The mana of our ākonga is at the heart of all that we do.

# WELCOME ŌHUA TO OUR HAPORI

A great welcome to Dee and the team at Ōhua as we celebrate this new early learning centre to our hapori here in Whakaoriori. Ōhua currently has one setting, and another will be opened for pēpi in mid-March.

A little behind the name: Ōhua is a lunar phase in the Maramataka – the Māori lunar calendar. Hua also means seeds/ eggs. Ōhua is associated with high energy, new beginnings, a good day for planting.

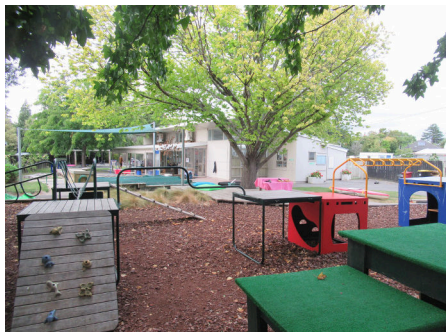
The guiding pou of Ōhua derive from Te Marautanga o Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. These are: Whakapapa, Whanaungatanga, Wairuatanga, Manaakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Mana Whenua, and Kaitiakitanga.

We know Dee and the team will do great mahi for our tamariki and whānau here in Whakaoriori, and we look forward to supporting them through our workstreams...it take a village.



**ECE/New Entrants Transition Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10th March**  
**4:30pm**  
 St Patricks School, 132 Chapel Street,  
 Masterton

# SPOTLIGHT ON MASTERTON WEST KINDERGARTEN



Masterton West Kindergarten is conveniently located just down the road from Douglas Park School. Masterton West is committed to a philosophy of holistic teaching and learning, manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. They strongly advocate respect and understanding of others similarities and differences, encourage children to be socially competent and able to initiate and sustain relationships.

Kaiako at Masterton West have utilised the Learning Support Coordinators in our community to support tamariki with learning support needs and their whānau in their transition to school.

The spacious environment is filled with resources that reflect the interests of the tamariki, whānau voice, and encourages sustainable living through the food tamariki grow and eat with their kindergarten community.

If you, or someone you know would like to know more about Masterton West Kindergarten feel free to email to check out their website here ---> <https://bit.ly/3km4Xlv> email [west@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:west@wmkindergartens.org.nz) or see their community in action on facebook.



# CHECK THIS OUT!



## Whakaoriori Kāhui Ako 2021 Meeting Dates

Term	Kaitiaki Group (leaders)	WSL	ASL	AP / DP	PLD Opportunities and events
<b>ONE</b>	25 February 3.30 pmcx 25 March 3.30 pm	11 March 3.30 pm Hadlow 8 April 1 - 4 pm Makoura	Every Thursday morning 9-11am	Thursday 18 March 3.30 at Fernridge	Combined Primary TOD 1 April ECE/New Entrants Transition Meeting, Weds 10th March 4.30pm, St Patrick's School
<b>TWO</b>	27 May 3.30pm 24 June 3.30 pm	13 May 3.30 pm Solway College 10 June 1-4pm	Every Thursday morning 9-11am	Thursday 3 June	ECE/New Entrants Transition Meeting, Weds 19th May, 4.30pm, Una Williams Kindergarten.
<b>THREE</b>	26 August 3.30 pm 23 September 3.30 pm	5 August 3.30 pm 16 September 1 - 4 pm	Every Thursday morning 9-11am	16 September combined with WSL	ECE/New Entrants Transition Meeting Weds 18th August, 4.30pm, Douglas Park School
<b>FOUR</b>	28 October 3.30 pm 25 November 3.30 pm	4 November 3.30 pm 2 December 1 - 4pm	Every Thursday morning 9-11am	11 November school to be confirmed	ECE/New Entrants Transition Meeting Weds 3rd November 4.30pm, Westside Playcentre

WAI Kaitiaki meetings booked for Rangitumau Room, REAP house.



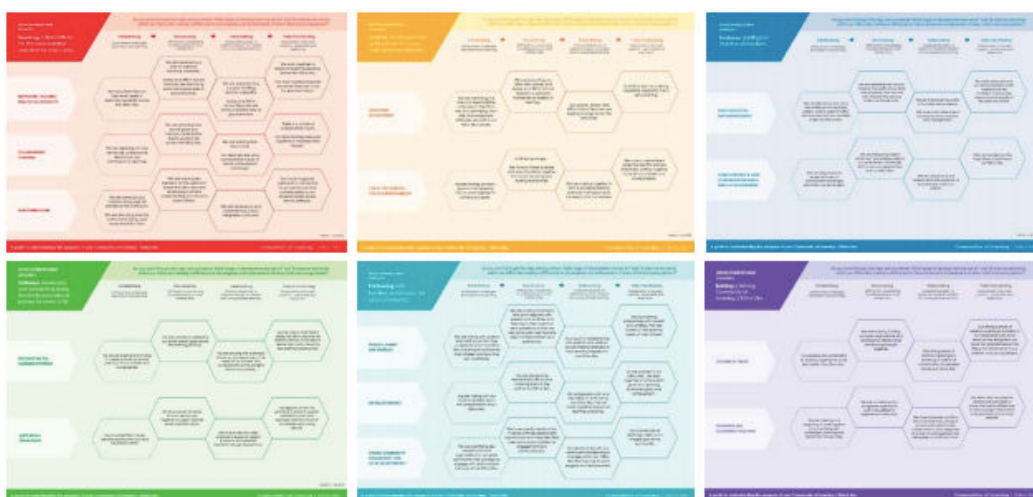
## Whakaoriori Meeting Dates for 2021

Dates have been set for our Kaitiaki group, Within School Leads (WSLs) and AP/DP meetings. There are also PLD opportunities listed - make sure to check out our PLD plan and opportunities for Learners too!

# WHAKAORIORI IN ACTION

## Supporting the development of collaborative practice in our Kāhui Ako

The Stewardship team and Across School Lead Teachers met with Di Drake from the Ministry of Education, to discuss our Development Maps. The Development Map is a tool to help Kāhui Ako understand where they are at now, and where they might decide to head in the future in the development of collaborative practice as they shift from a group of independent education providers to a collaborative network. Di provides professional and ongoing support and it was great to get the 'thumbs up' with how we are tracking.



## 2021 PLD Plan



We have a comprehensive professional learning plan for 2021 - there is something for everyone! Save the link as we will be continually updating the plan with PLD opportunities as they come to hand. If you have a PLD session coming up that you would like us to include in our plan - feel free to drop an email to: [kate@mis.school.nz](mailto:kate@mis.school.nz)




# WHAKAORIORI IN ACTION

Our Kaitiaki Hui was one of great collaboration and reflection around hot points and continuums to support ākongā here in Whakaoriori. The first of many hui this year showcasing that together is better to fill the kete of all ākongā; our tamariki and all adults who support them.




## Our Kaitiaki in Action

**He aha te mea nui o te ao  
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata  
What is the most important thing in the world?  
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people**

