



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

Maraurau o te Pae Api'i

PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Apii Te Uki Ou

To the members, caregivers and community of Apii Te Uki Ou

On 23rd to 27th of June 2014 the Ministry of Education's Planning and Development (P and D) Division undertook an education review of the school's staff, systems, teaching programmes and resources. The following is an executive summary of our findings.

Review Purpose and Coverage

The purpose of this review was to view the school holistically in all areas of learning offered at Apii Te Uki Ou. P and D reviews do not cover every aspect of performance and each P and D report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to student achievement and useful to the school.

Summary of Findings

Apii Te Uki Ou is a private primary school in Ngatangia. The school roll has continued to rise since the previous review and now stands at 179 ECE to year eight students. School grounds are well maintained and classrooms well appointed and displaying student work.

The new principal, whose tenure began mid-2013, is working with staff, parents and a strong board of governors, towards a common vision of providing students with high quality education in the best environment possible.

School leadership is collaborative and effective. Staff and students are aware of expectations.

A range of effective teaching strategies is evident in the classrooms. Integration of inquiry, shared concepts and environmental contexts across learning areas are features of learning in the school. Along with a commitment to strengthening learning and improving outcomes for all students, it is also necessary for teachers to strengthen their monitoring processes. Commendation goes to the school for the proficient mentoring processes taking place with their first time teachers.

The school is mainly compliant, with the curriculum schemes review planned to be completed by the end of the year.

Reviewed and renewed policies need to be accompanied by a school Maori Language scheme. There is evidence of a strong supportive community led by a dedicated board of governors.

Future Action

The next full review of Apii Te Uki Ou will be in 2017. However, there will be a special review in 2015 to monitor progress with the Maori language programme.

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