



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

Maraurau o te Pae Api'i

PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MITIARO SCHOOL

To the members, caregivers and community of Mitiaro School

On 9th to 11th July 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 Mitiaro school. 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

Mitiaro School roll has remained stable since 2013 at 40 students. The grounds and classrooms are well cared for although there is the potential for more cheerful wall displays. Property maintenance and water delivery issues continue and need once again to be raised with CIIC. The Principal and staff must make good practices common practices to ensure quality in all aspects of the school. The school will be better placed to improve its performance over the long term when the areas identified in strategic and annual plans, in overviews, in planning, evaluation and assessment, including staff performance, are continually addressed. A collaborative approach is effective if everyone has one goal in mind and strives towards it together. There has been some small progress with differentiation and the literacy and numeracy whole school sessions have the potential to provide positive reinforcement to learning if all children have appropriate tasks.

A major concern is the apparent failure to deliver a planned and comprehensive curriculum to the years 8 to 11 students. Neither the home school Principal nor the TKU Principal is taking responsibility to ensure that all students are receiving a full educational programme appropriate for their age and situation.

The school 2013 financial situation is yet to be audited. It is hoped that the new treasurer will maintain a reliable record of money raised and spent. A workshop is recommended for Mitiaro School committee members in order for them to further understand their new roles and effectively participate in school activities

Future Action

The MoE will work with the school to provide an improved curriculum for Yr.8 to Yr 11 students. The next full review of Mitiaro school will be in 2015. Review officers are happy to visit for special focus areas.

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