



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

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PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NIKAO MAORI PRIMARY SCHOOL 2014

To the members, caregivers and community of Nikao Maori School.

On the 17 to the 20 of February 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 Nikao Maori 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

Nikao Maori School has a roll of 105 students, two percent of whom identify as non-Maori. The grounds are tidy, classrooms on the whole display children's work attractively and students are beginning to wear their uniform with greater pride.

The Cook Islands Maori language and culture are integral aspects of the school and benefit all students. The values of respect and inclusiveness are evident across the school and throughout the curriculum. They contribute to the positive school culture. The new principal with strong support from the senior management team provides good leadership across the school and promotes a clear vision for learning and teaching.

The school is now well positioned for the Principal and teachers to raise students' learning to another level, provided that energy and determination are sustained. Strong school management systems have been put in place, improvements in daily and weekly practice are evident and the next move is to build on the new culture of collaboration to construct a real climate of self-review. Some teachers will benefit from further support through encouragement to improve their own skills rather than even greater dependency on others.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the future of Nikao Maori School the school community is in remarkably good spirits.

Future Action

The next full review of Nikao Maori School may take place in 2016 if circumstances have not changed. Review officers are happy to visit before this for special focus areas.

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