



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

Maraurau o te Pae Api'i

## PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ARORANGI SCHOOL

#### To the members, caregivers and community of Arorangi School

On 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 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 Arorangi 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

Arorangi School has made good progress since the last education review. Notable improvements include curriculum expectations for teachers and aspects of student achievement. The school has a strong literacy and numeracy focus, aspects of which are integrated into other essential learning areas, classroom programmes and activities. The school also has a strong student support programme provided by a retired teacher

The school is in a position to identify future priorities for developing the school's curriculum and student achievement in areas other than literacy and numeracy. Some teachers are capable of focusing on inquiry learning and considering how to give learners more choice and ownership of their learning. More discussion and teamwork could ensure that all teachers are planning and preparing effectively.

.The school has a functioning committee and the chairperson is supportive of recent academic developments in the school. He would now like to see closer ties between the principal and the community. It is also recommended that the school committee participate more in consultations concerning school policies, strategic and annual plans. This will enable them to be aware of developments in the school so they become informed members of the school community

#### Future Action

.The review team will conduct the next education review of Arorangi School in 2015. Review officers are happy to visit for special focus areas.

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