



PLANNING, POLICY & REVIEW SCHOOL SUMMARY TAKITUMU PRIMARY SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 2011

To the parents, caregivers and community of Takitumu School

From the 7th – 10th February 2011, the Ministry of Education's Planning, Policy and Review (PPR) division undertook a full 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 address progress made towards the recommendations made in the previous review in June 2009. PPR reviews do not cover every aspect of school performance and each PPR report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to student achievement and useful to this school.

Summary of Findings

Takitumu Primary is situated in the village of Matavera, on the island of Rarotonga, and has a roll of 173 students. It has a large playing field that is often used by various sports codes for training and events. There is a huge shady barotonia tree which is a landmark for the school, often used as the drop off and pick up station by parents. There are 3 ECE classes under the management of the Takitumu School; one in Titikaveka and 2 at the school. The rest of the school is made of classes from Years 1 – 6.

The school has a positive feel with hard working teachers who care for the students. It is generally well resourced and has a supportive school committee working closely to assist where they can. Students are proud of their school and rated Maori as their best subject followed by English. Students are happy with the healthy school lunches requirement but they do look forward to Fridays "own choice" lunch. The classrooms are vibrant learning environments and children are happy to be there.

The school is not compliant with a number of the administrative requirements of the Ministry of Education guidelines. However, these are minor administration issues and well within the capacity of current school management to attend to. Three teachers require a supplementary review visit to ensure that all staff are consistently meeting teacher professional standards and providing quality learning opportunities for children.

Future Action

A supplementary review on three teaching staff will be carried out at the end Term 1, 2011. The date for the next full Education Review of Takitumu School will be scheduled for Term 3 of 2012.

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