



PLANNING, POLICY & REVIEW SCHOOL SUMMARY PAPAAROA COLLEGE – JUNE 2011

To the parents, caregivers and community of Papaaroa College

On the 7- 10th June 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 view the school holistically. 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

Papaaroa School has a total of 126 students under the management of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission and is nestled on the coast of Titikaveka and situated on the Mission's vast acres of land that stretches from the beach up into the hills.

The school provides programmes in the essential learning areas of the Cook Islands Curriculum and also has Bible Education which reflects the special character of the school. Curriculum management needs to be ensured through the development of appropriate documentation for the senior levels of the school. The Cook Islands Maori programme needs to be reviewed and community support could be utilised as part of this programme.

Most teachers showed a thorough understanding of planning, delivery and assessment. High levels of student engagement were observed. Teachers have been actively involved in professional development and this has positively impacted on school programmes

The School Board intends to form sub committees to assist in areas of policy, strategic and annual planning. The Home & School Committee is preparing for a major fund raising effort in July to purchase much needed resources for the school.

The school has been asked to provide a timeline to address the work that still needs to be completed.

Future Action

As long as the above timeline and evidence of its implementation is provided to the Ministry, a full education review will be scheduled in Term 4 of 2012.

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