



COOK ISLANDS

Ministry of Education

Maraurau o te Pae Api'i

## PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### MAUKE SCHOOL 2013

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

On the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 the Ministry of Education's Planning and Development (P and D) department undertook an education review of the centre'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 centre holistically in all areas of learning offered at Mauke 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

Mauke School is attractively presented and well maintained. There are more classrooms than are currently in regular use. The library and adjacent computer room, however, are well frequented.

The principal, teachers and students at Mauke School all appear happy with the direction in which the school is moving and most seem keen to maintain the momentum. The school has a lively and cheerful atmosphere with senior students prepared to organise activities and visiting parents demonstrating through their support that they are comfortable in the school environment.

The school management processes are well planned and supervised and teachers consider themselves involved in important decision making. Teacher planning and documentation are thorough and also to be commended. Classrooms are attractively presented and, on the whole, interesting places where student group work and constructive activity are encouraged. In the senior school, focus needs to be more obviously on student learning and the development of students' understanding of how they learn. Teacher, peer and self review are all areas which could be further developed.

The lack of an effective school committee is very disappointing, given all of the above, and it is to be hoped that this coming year parents will provide more formal support for their children and their teachers.

#### Future Action

The next full review of Mauke School will be in 2015. Review officers are happy to visit for special focus areas.

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