



PLANNING, POLICY & REVIEW SCHOOL SUMMARY APII RUTAKI – MAY 2012

To the parents, caregivers and community of Apii Rutaki

On the 14-15th May 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 in all areas of learning offered at Apii Rutaki. 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

Rutaki School roll has slightly increased to 78 students since 2011, mainly in the ECE class. The grounds are attractive, with a large playing field and a vegetable garden at the rear of the buildings which provides food for the community and school events. The buildings are in a sound condition and in addition to the classrooms students have access to an assembly hall, a new computer suite and a library.

The Principal and Deputy Principal of Rutaki School are to be commended for the creation of a school where teachers are excited about their teaching and students are actively involved in and, in the senior class, aware of, their own learning. Considerable thought has gone into the creation of the new Vision Statement, Strategic Plan and Annual Plan.

There are sound tracking procedures in place to monitor students' progress in Numeracy, Maori and English Literacy and teaching programmes have been adapted in order to improve student achievement. Evidence of student achievement is readily available and the next challenge will be to develop similarly reliable assessment processes in other ELAs. The children are now making weekly use of the new computer suite.

The new school overview and long term plan have enabled teachers and teacher aides to provide multilevel teaching and learning in their classrooms. Further documentation is needed to ensure that some key requirements of subject area planning and review are complied with.

The school, with the exception of the flooring, provides a safe and attractive environment for the students and the value given to their work is displayed on the classroom walls. While there is still work to do, Rutaki School is to be commended for the progress it has made since the last Education Review.

Future Action

A Special Review will be scheduled in Term 4 of 2012 to monitor progress of the school curriculum, especially in assessment, while the next full Education Review will be in 2014.

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