

Ako Nga Kura: Cluster meeting 30 May 2008

Present

Clevedon

Marilyn Way
Sue McIntosh
Scott Cooper

Hunua

Heather Frost
Fran McFall

Ardmore

Shirley Stannanought

Bairds

Kim Benjamin
Fee McAree

Orere

Pamela Banks

Key Points

James Nottingham

- Possibility of working with us next year – local Principals interested in organising some shared days
- Practical ideas – teachers are using the ideas in classroom
- Pit idea is being used in classrooms
- Gave staff a networking opportunity
- Made teachers reflect on their practice and plan for changes – these are evident in classrooms
- Powerful models to think about – different take to get kids confused and in the pit
- Interesting perspective on G & T students
- Putting blocks up is a useful strategy for thinking

- Bringing whole staff was awesome! Everyone got lots out of it.
- Could we buy into James' site as a cluster – we will look into it
- There is a NZ website with P4C ideas
- Useful ideas for using with own children/families etc
- Using the pit takes time, but more kids will learn and develop the problem solving strategies they will need in later life
- TV show – on woman with vertigo would be a good one for 'culture' discussions (9.30pm 29 May)
- Great networking between schools – a BT visit has resulted already

Milestone

Each school presented their reports – see milestone

- We discussed planning process, how schools record individual class focus, map the curriculum and develop success criteria/assessment processes

Cluster part completed

U-Learn

Expressions of interest?

Clevedon – 2

Bairds – 3

Hunua – 1 (to be confirmed)

Orere – 1 (to be confirmed)

Ardmore – 1 (to be confirmed)

Make own arrangements and invoice cluster - \$1200 per school

School visits

Clevedon – Kapiti Coast arranged

Ardmore – Hamilton

Orere – Ngatea

Bairds – Whangarei/Northland

Let Clevedon know if you are planning something ***by end of June***

Budget of \$3000 to be shared for travel and accommodation costs

Sue West days: Orere and Hunua

13 June: Artrage focus, 3 sessions – junior, middle, senior – 2 teachers each session (Sue will cover other gems)

7 November: tbc

Based at Hunua

Wikispace

- Upload examples of teacher's PD work and student's work
- Resize photos (50%) to speed up loading

We reviewed each school's page on the wiki, giving feedback and tips.

Next meeting

19 September – this will include student presentations of work

Meeting closed

2.30pm