

**Nau mai haere mai**

A great big welcome back to everyone and especially to those who have just joined Ngā Manu Āwhina Cluster 8. We hope you have had a lovely start to the year and we look forward to working alongside you to support you to meet the needs of your students, teachers, schools and our cluster community at all tier levels. This email is just a brief reminder re upcoming events.

**Upcoming**

**Cluster 8 Events and Workshops**

All in our Cluster 8 school community are welcome to attend the workshops and events:- SENCo, DPs, LSC colleagues, Kāhui Ako across and in school teachers, other specialist and school staff and RTLBs. The 2021 learning and networking workshop and event days are:

* Term 1: Tuesday 9 March. 9 am start. Cluster 8 **Wellbeing** E-Event: **Denise Quinlan** from the NZ Institute of Wellbeing will be providing a morning workshop on the practicalities of whole school wellbeing, best practice and implementation. There will also be short presentations on school stories and additional resources and snippets. Please check our regularly updated website and register for the login to the event by emailing [pamw@rops.school.nz](mailto:pamw@rops.school.nz). The website will be updated with more information on the event
* Term 2: Tuesday 1 June.
* Term 3: Tuesday 24 August.

Please check the upcoming events section of [our website](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/) for more details. It is yet to be confirmed if these are remote e-events or e-workshops, face to face or a combination.

**Collaboration and Support Hub Drop In**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our drop ins. Our 3 RTLB hubs:- Royal Oak Primary, Tamaki College and Orakei School have the first of our termly ***Collaboration and Support Drop In***mornings from 10 am to 1.30pm so that RTLB, DPs, SENCos, MoE LS, teachers and LSCs are able to kōrero, inquire, collaborate, provide support and guidance, access and share expertise and tiered project work. Even if you can just pop in over lunch or morning tea breaks we would love to see you.

* Term 1: February 17th Royal Oak, 18th  Tamaki, 19th Orakei
* Term 2: May 26th Royal Oak, 27th Tamaki, 28th Orakei
* Term 3: September 8th  Royal Oak, 9th Tamaki, 10th  Orakei
* Term 4: November 10th Royal Oak, 11th Tamaki, 12th Orakei

**Other Dates**

* **Upcoming Face-to-Face and E-** [**Workshop**](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/pop-up-workshops)**s**
* 16 February 9am-11 Working as a TA Part 1
* ​2 March 9-12 Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
* ​3 March 3.15-4.15pm Let’s Talk about Autism
* 4 March 10-11am The Joyful work of Play
* 16 March 9-11am Understanding Auditory Processing Disorder
* ​17 March 9am-11 Working as a TA Part 2
* 23 March 10-11am Practical strategies for Executive Function Skills
* ​24 March 3.15-4.15pm Let’s Talk about Autism
* ​25 March 10-11am A Rising Tide Lifts all Ships
* 30 March 10-11am Understanding and Developing Wellbeing
* **Assessment Training** 
  + Cognitive Assessment System—CAS2 Brief.
    - Wednesday 9 June 2021 9am-12pm CAS2 Brief Refresher for those who are already trained but would like some guided practice in administration, scoring, analysing and reporting.
    - Thursday 10 June 2021 8:30am - 4:30pm CAS2 Brief Full training.
    - No further training in the CAS 2 Brief will be offered in 2021 and places are filling fast. If interested, please contact Barbara Hannant [barbarah@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz](mailto:barbarah@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz).
* You can register for **Incredible Years** by contacting Sue Cameron [suec@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz](mailto:suec@rtlbcluster8.ac.nz).
* Margaret Muir the **Autism “Go To”** person for our RTLB Team is going to expand on the “Let’s Talk about Autism” sessions for SENCo, teachers and LSCs and offer a similar platform for support for whānau. This will initially be an informal opportunity to gather on zoom to discuss how the RTLB service can support/collaborate with whānau of students with Autism or those seeking a diagnosis. Look out for an email invitation from Margaret next week that you can share with your school community.

Don’t forget to check out our regularly updated [Cluster 8 website](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/) for event and workshop news and as a resource and connection community of practice hub - click on areas of interest or need to [connect](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/resources) through to key lead practitioners and resources. We welcome Cluster 8 educators connecting with us, working together to power up strengths and joining our [communities of practice.](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/resources)  We have welcomed 5 new RTLB this year and you can read about our RTLB team members [here](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/copy-of-staff-contact) with contact details [here](https://www.rtlbcluster8.ac.nz/staff-bios). Best wishes to you all for a wonderful 2021.

Ngā mihi nui

Roseanne and Cluster 8:  Ngā Manu Āwhina RTLB



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         Together weaving the realisation of potential