

Term Two - 2023

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PRIMARY LITERACY

Term 2, 2023 sees the Structured Literacy pilot programme with Apii Nikao continue. Term 1 has seen professional development for teachers in the junior school around the pedagogy of Structured Literacy, modelling of spelling lessons by Liz Lawson and Marianna Mataio, assessment/grouping of students and support by advisors of teachers as they take over the lessons. The development of the teachers' knowledge and skills in this area is an important piece of this code-based teaching of a language.

The focus of the pilot for this term will be on the reading portion of Structured Literacy – assessing and grouping students, modelling the reading lessons for the teachers and gathering feedback on experiences.

Apii Arorangi will join the pilot programme in Term 2. Feedback and experiences of Structured Literacy across both schools, including data analysis, will be compiled for monitoring purposes and used to inform planning for future programmes.

Trips to Mangaia and Mauke are planned for Term 2 in conjunction with Marianna Mataio, supporting schools with reading comprehension strategies, and planning language schemes for Cook Island Maori and English.

It is our intention over the rest of the year, to provide support and development to schools to ensure Cook Islands Maori and English are being taught equitably and in a manner that will increase the literacy levels of our students in both languages, and also upskill our teachers in teaching of languages.

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Secondary Literacy

Secondary Literacy programmes in schools will now be supported via specific Advisory support. Hear from the Ministry's new Secondary Literacy Advisor, Karen Song.



Kia Orana kotou, my name is Karen Song.

I am the new Secondary English Advisor at the Ministry of Education. I am an international educator and I have taught English and social studies in South Korea, the United States, China, Thailand, Cambodia, and New Zealand. My teaching experience has been primarily at the secondary and tertiary levels, but I have also had experience as an English Language Learner (ELL) teacher working with younger students. In addition, I have experience as a Curriculum Specialist and a Principal at two schools.

As I begin this position, I would like to gather data on how English teachers are feeling about preparing their students for the Literacy co-requisite. If you are an English teacher who is teaching students in years 9 – 11, I would appreciate about 15 minutes of your time to complete this survey:

<https://s.surveypal.com/dityt2df>

I look forward to working with all Cook Island English teachers and am happy to support you in any way that you may need. Please reach out to me with any questions or requests for support:

secondary.english@education.gov.ck



Akapapa'anga Reo No te Katoatoa

I roto i teia tau ka rave atu au i te rua o taku vaitoanga kia rauka i te tuku i te au tamariki ki roto i to ratou au pupu tei tau ki ta ratou i rauka i roto i te tau tai. Ka riro katoa teia vaitoanga i te tauturu i te au puapii kia kite i te kitekarape tei anoanoia ratou kia matutu. Tetai manako puapinga katoa kia mataora te au puapii i te raveanga i teia.

Ka tere atu au ki te Apii Mangaia e pera ki te Apii Mauke no te oronga atu i teia marama ki te au puapii i reira i te mea e kua tae mai te patianga no te akamatutu atu i te turanga o te au puapii i te apiianga i te reo.

Ka aere katoa atu au ki te apii Arorangi, Apii Imanuela Akatemai e te Apii Papaaroa i te tauturu katoa atu i te au puapii i reira. Teia i reira taku porokaramu apii no teia tau ki mua.

Ta maua Parani Apii no te Tau Rua

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Secondary Mathematics

Support for secondary mathematics is in full swing with the new Mathematics and Numeracy Advisor, Bethany Nicholas. Read on for Term 2 plans.

In term 1, I have enjoyed visiting all the schools in Rarotonga, and working with primary teachers using the DMIC approach. In Term 2 my focus will shift to providing support for secondary schools and learning everything I can about the new Level 1 Mathematics and Statistics Standards ready to assist with implementation in 2024. I have already had the pleasure of working with our amazing four pilot schools who have started the journey a year earlier, and I look forward to working with them further as the year progresses.

We are lucky to have so many experienced and passionate Secondary Mathematics teachers in the Cook Islands and I am excited to spend more time with you all this term. If you are looking for any particular advice, guidance, resources or support please do not hesitate to contact me at:

numeracy@education.gov.ck

Upcoming Support for the Pa Enuā

Mangaia – Term 2 Week 4

Aitutaki – Term 2 Week 7

Pilot Schools Teams Meeting with Mark Hooper

May 2nd 3:00pm – 4:00pm

June 6th 3:00pm - 4:00pm

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The support and development programme for Early Childhood Education for Term two will focus on Intentional Teaching Pedagogy involving purposeful and deliberate teaching strategies to build a child's interest and learning curiosities.

Aitutaki ECE's will be visited by the ECE Advisor from week 1 of Term 2, and a series of presentations on Child Development with parents and the community will be held throughout the week.

For ECE curriculum and pedagogy support email Rua Toa on ece@education.gov.ck

****Save the Date** Cook Islands ECE Sub-Sector Analysis, Week 4, Term 2**

Visiting UNICEF colleagues will be on island during week 4 of Term 2 to carry out the sub-sector analysis for ECE in the Cook Islands. This opportunity will contribute to the development of our new Education Strategy by considering the status of ECE and identify opportunities for the future.

The analysis visit will consist of a series of meetings with key ECE expertise and will feature a sense-making workshop for ECE staff during that week. Our ECE staff and HQ staff are kindly requested to save these dates, and more details will be shared once confirmed.



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Kia Orana from the Social Sciences! As I keep being reminded as I travel around schools, it has been a long time since the Social Sciences have had an advisor in the Ministry. As far as I can work out-around 15 years. I have come full circle as a student in Avatea School and Tereora College to being in the Social Science faculty and in senior management at Tereora for 10 years. Having always being passionate about the Social Sciences and having recent teaching experience on Rarotonga I am pleased to be able to share my knowledge with all schools in the Cook Islands and have enjoyed my first term reviving the subject! Trips to the schools on Rarotonga and Aitutaki have been rewarding and I look forward to many more productive visits.

Term 2 sees me continuing support across many schools on Rarotonga; helping with things like longer term scheme planning, successful integration of Social Studies into junior programmes, the teaching of curriculum essential skills, resourcing, differentiation and preparation for NCEA changes in Social Science subjects. I will be travelling to Mangaia in Week 2 to assist in the preparation of NCEA Level 1 Geography and alignment of Years 7-10 Social Studies to these changes. Week 10 sees me travel to Atiu to support Social Studies unit planning and integration of Social Science content and skills across all levels.

If you require any Social Science support don't hesitate to contact me on Phone 29357extn5079

Or email

social.science@education.gov.nz

Kia Manuia,

Celeste Barrett-Watson



Health Promotion via Education Research Associate:

Physical Activity Sense-making Workshop – Aitutaki

Week 3 of Term 2, a sense-making workshop will be conducted to provide feedback to all students, parents, teachers and community that were involved with the research of 'Physical Activity – perspectives from Cook Islands teenagers' by Mr Drollet Joseph. Drollet Joseph is the current deputy principal and teacher of Araura College who started his research journey in 2021. To assess the physical activity levels of teenagers is the first research of its kind to be conducted in the Cook Islands. This enables the progression of assessing more groups of students in the Cook Islands and provides an opportunity to review our current physical activity levels in the schools and community.

Email: Teau Puna research@education.gov.ck
Contact Number: 53232

Mr Drollet Joseph providing information to parents of teenagers that were consented to be part of the research in 2021.



Health Promotion via Education Research Associate:

My Health Profile Booklet Update

Later in term 2, a group of teachers and Te Marae Ora staff who have been involved in the use of the My Health Profile Booklet in schools will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the use of the booklet and to further expand its content in the hope of raising more awareness of NCD burden in the Cook Islands.

Health data has been collected from Year 9 students by TMO health staff who will later provide a report to contribute to the NCD awareness and monitoring programme in the schools.

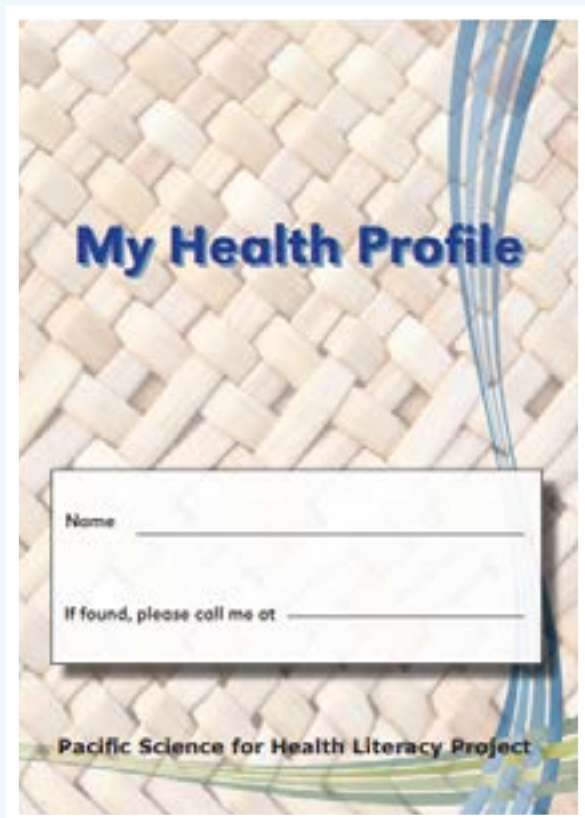
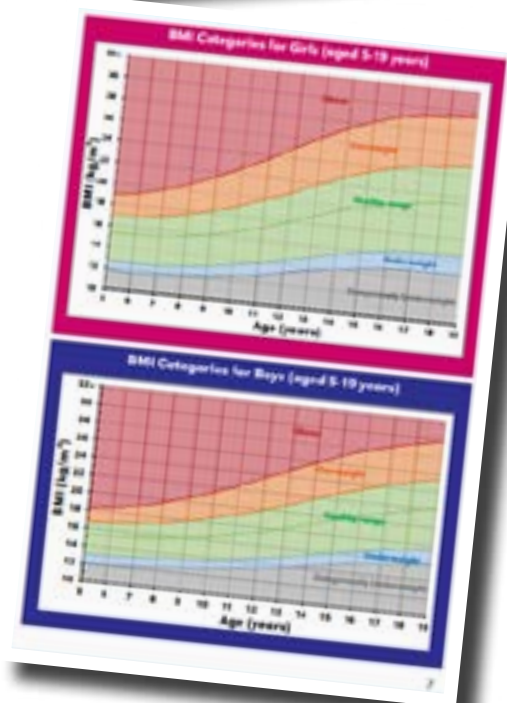
The outcome of feedback and work collaboration by Ministries will be shared at the Cook Islands Annual Health Conference later this year in September.

For more information on this programme:

Email: Teau Puna research@education.gov.ck

Contact number: 53232

'My health profile' booklet that have been utilized at the following schools of various year levels since 2016; Tereora College, Nukutere College, Papaaroa school, Titikavaka College, Araura College and Enuamanu school.



Waist-to-Height Ratio

- Your waist-to-height ratio is used to find out if you are carrying extra fat around your middle, as this is not healthy.
- To measure your waist, place a tape measure just above the belly button (or just above the upper hip bone).

To calculate your waist-to-height ratio, you need to know your waist measurement and height.

$$\text{Waist-to-height ratio} = \frac{\text{Waist measurement (cm)}}{\text{Height (cm)}}$$

A healthy waist measurement is less than half your height.

Waist-to-Height ratio	Health Risk
0.5 or less	Low
Greater than 0.5	Increased

- Young people with a waist-to-height ratio that is greater than 0.5 have too much belly-fat (around the middle).
- This can lead to unhealthy cholesterol levels, high blood pressure and diabetes, even in young people.
- Young people with too much fat around their middle are likely to have access for no adults.

	Year
My Waist measurement (cm)	
My Height (cm)	
My Waist-to-Height ratio	



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Careers Expo – Save the Date, 21st June 2023

The Ministry of Education 2023 Careers Expo is planned for the 21st June at the National Auditorium. This will be dedicated senior student Careers Expo, for Years 11 – 13 offering vocational pathway information and inspiration from a large range of workplaces.

Some hints on preparing for the Careers Expo and future career pathways:

I. Encourage students to begin conversations with family and community members as well as school staff about career options they would like to explore in their future.

II. Many workplaces here on Rarotonga are very supportive of taking on students for work experience so that students can get a better idea of what jobs they would like to pursue. I recommend encouraging students to get out to a variety of workplaces to make the most of these opportunities. Remember employers are more likely to offer the opportunity if the student themselves visit them. This shows initiative.

III. Research the further education required for any chosen career. This will ensure students have covered the relevant subject choices at high school that will enable them to apply for any future study e.g. university.

IV. Have community members in to do a presentation on what they do in their jobs.

V. Have students think about the questions they want to research about jobs, qualifications, places of study from the exhibitors at the Careers Expo ahead of time so they can make the most of the day.

More details will be shared on participating workplaces and organisations.

Email Cindy Milanovic science@education.gov.ck for support material - See you there!!

Student Wellbeing and Pastoral care

The HUB – MOE Student Support Services.

The MoE continue to have Student Support Services for Cook Island Schools. The HUB provides wrap around support services for all tamariki, with the tamariki at the centre. The HUB takes a fully holistic approach to care and support and works closely with school, kopu tangata, and stakeholders. The vision of the HUB is to ensure "all Cook Island tamariki of school age are safe, respected, well and engaged in learning".

The HUB team consists of Student Guidance & Wellbeing Advisor, MoE Social Worker and guidance counsellors. The service provisions are not limited to tamariki as we are promoting wellbeing in a wider school community involving teachers, school staff and families. We are continuing to visit schools to provide direct support and promote wellbeing and gather more needs on appropriate workshop opportunities of each school community. For any referral, please consult with your school principal, complete the HUB referral form and send it to guidance@education.gov.ck or contact the MoE at 29357.

Email: Suk Song, Student Guidance & Wellbeing Advisor
guidance@education.gov.ck
Contact Number: 29357 ext 5063



Inclusive Education

During week 3 of term 2, staff and students at Mangaia and Enuamano Schools will be visited by the IE Advisor. This will be an opportunity to support new Teacher Aides working in the school through an induction process and to work with staff to develop individual interventions. It will also be a time to meet with parents who are critical in developing specific goals for their children in collaboration with school staff. For our most diverse learners we strive for inclusion in everyday class activities to the highest level possible. Our Teachers and Teacher Aides work hard to assess then develop learning and behavioral approaches that meet individual needs.



The Ability Sports Day events give our students the opportunity to practice their communication, social and self-management skills in a supported, fun and friendly environment.

Teacher Aide Professional Development

On May 31st Teacher Aides will meet at Te Maraurau o te Pae Apii for a full day session on Wellbeing. This skilled group meet 3 – 4 times per year and have established a Community of Practice where they learn together. By sharing their practice, they teach and support one another and welcome new TA's to the group. Pa Enuata TA's will be involved via zoom meetings and by having information sent out – also when IE advisors visit their schools. New Student Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Advisor, Suk Song, will start the day with a session on looking after the wellbeing of students and yourselves in the workplace, staying physically and emotionally well. Staff from CISNOC will then join us to demonstrate movement activities that enhance student (and TA) wellbeing with a focus on breathing, activity and relaxation. In the afternoon Advisor Rua Toa will present on Learning through Play with a focus on having fun and building relationships while you work with students and the benefits to students.

We are looking forward to having this wonderful group together again.

Ability Sports Day

An Ability Sports Day is planned for mid-term 2 in collaboration with CISNOC. These highly successful events are focused on allowing for improved communication, social and self-management skills. The event gives all our IE students the opportunity to practice these skills in a friendly and fun environment.

Term 2 Education Review Schedule

Term 2 will see that the following schools are reviewed:

- Apii Nikao – Term 2/Week 7, 12th – 16th June 2023
- Araura College and Apii Vaitau – Term 2/Week 9, 26th – 30th June 2023
- Apii Arorangi – Term 2/Week 11, 10th – 14th July 2023

For any queries regarding the 2023 Education Review schedule please contact us on phone 29357, or email Nooroa Teipo senior.review@education.gov.ck, Kairangi Thomson on email review@education.gov.ck or Anna Roumanu, Director, pddirector@education.gov.ck

Education Focus 2023

The Learning for life -Cook Islands Education Master Plan 2008 – 2023 (EMP) has set the strategic direction for Education for the last 15 years. This plan will be concluding at the end of 2023.

The Ministry of Education has begun the processes of developing a new education strategy in collaboration with a Local Technical Advisor (LTA) and a series of activities and events will be held over the course of this year until the completion of the new plan set for November/December of 2023.

The Ministry of Education is currently undergoing a sector analysis and a final report will be ready for submission by May 2023. The sector analysis preludes the Education Strategy consultation plan set to begin in May and complete in August 2023. The Ministry of Education will consult with a wide range of stakeholders and community groups using a variety of communication strategies, from face to face meetings and workshops to surveys. The Ministry of Education will ensure that the voices of the people of the Cook Islands is collected and accounted for in the new Education Strategy.

Consultations will start with an inception workshop for Government Ministry's, NGO's and Private Sector Partners to be held on Wednesday the 10th May 2023.



Updates from the Distance Education Coordinator & NZQA

All enquiries please contact Liz Sosene, MoE 29357 ext 5071 Email: nzqa@education.gov.ck

Pa Enua Student Education Assistance Grant (PESEAG)

Statistics Update:

2023 Total Intake 36 students

	New	Returning	Total
Southern Schools	10	4	14
Northern Schools	5	17	22
	15	21	36

Term 2 Mid-Year Catch-Up Session

All Pa Enua scholarship students are required to attend – “Student Only” sessions. Mid-Year session will be held on FRIDAY 9TH June. Notice will be sent out in due course.

NZQA Managing National Assessment (MNA) 2023 Visit Alice Wards and Geoff Meadows from NZQA, will be visiting our shores from 19 – 30 June. They will be conducting school visit and PD at:

- Apii Enuamanu – 19-21 June
- Araura College – 20-22 June
- Apii Mauke – 26-30 June

MNA and PD for:

- Titikaveka College – 22 June
- Nukutere College – 23 June
- Tereora College – 26 June
- Apii Mangaia – 28-30 June.
- MoE HQ – meetings and PD while on Rarotonga dates and times to be confirmed.

Te Aho O Te Kura Pounamu (Te Kura) – The Correspondence School

Students on Te Kura showing good engagement with their courses. Schools can still enroll with Te Kura by completing the 2023 Te Kura enrolment form and send it to Liz Sosene.

Statistics for Term 2 as follows:

Araura	15
Mauke	2
Omoka	7
Palmerston	2
Tereora	1
Titikaveka	1
	28

Life Skills for Youth

- Pa Enea schools intending on undertaking Life Skills for Term 2, kindly send in your Expression of Intent now.
- The programme uses community taunga to deliver courses, who get paid for their services.
- If Pa Enea schools are interested in utilizing the program and funding opportunities in their schools, please contact Liz Sosene at MoE.

Private Tertiary Education Registration – Takitimu Performing Arts School

On Tuesday 14th February 2023, Cabinet Ministers' gave consideration to the registration of the Takitimu Performing Arts School as a private tertiary provider in the Cook Islands, in accordance with section 14(3)(a) of the Education Act 2012.

The Takitimu Performing Arts School is established and delivered under a memorandum of understanding between Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu from Hastings, Aotearoa New Zealand. The Wananga is an existing accredited tertiary provider with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) with consent to assess.

The School will be established at Pa Ariki Palace, Rarotonga, to promote Cook Islands Maori performing arts, language and culture through Level 5 and Level 6 tertiary learning programmes.

An initial review will be conducted by the Cook Islands Ministry of Education, within 6 months of the

School's conditional registration and full registration will be for an initial period of five years.

For any inquiries into programme being delivered by the Takitimu Performing Arts School email Courtney@takitimu.ac.nz

New HQ Staff



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THE 2023 CITC PUMP THE BEATS SCHOOLS DRUMMING CHALLENGE

Again that time has come again for the preparations for our Rarotonga schools drumming competition scheduled for the end of next month Friday 30th June. The competition this year and for the next 3 years is proudly sponsored by the CITC company. With the MOC cultural theme for the beats with the chant section, the CITC PUMP the BEATS will be included as part of the drumming sequence of the competition.

The primary schools chant is completed except for the composed beats to be recorded and it will be distributed to the schools entering the competition.

Please find attached the entry form to be filled and return by the due date, and the information package to assist with your preparations during this time.

Meitaki maata e kia manuia



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SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 TE REINGA AKATAUNGA'ANGA | COOK ISLANDS TERTIARY STUDY SUPPORT PROGRAMME RETURNING COOK ISLANDER GRANT

The Tertiary Education Committee, through the Cook Islands Ministry of Education, is now accepting applications under the Returning Cook Islander Grant.

This is a reimbursement opportunity of the tuition component of eligible candidate's New Zealand student loan on a per annum basis. The Returning Cook Islander Grant is open to Cook Islanders or Permanent Residents holding a New Zealand passport who successfully completed a tertiary qualification in 2020 and 2021 privately in New Zealand, and has returned to the Cook Islands and engaged in fulltime employment.

To be eligible for the Returning Cook Islander Grant, applicants:

- Must be a Cook Islander or hold Permanent Residency with a New Zealand passport
- Have recently completed a qualification in New Zealand (in 2020 and 2021) and has been resident and employed in the Cook Islands for at least one year prior to applying.
- Must be actively contributing towards their student loan prior to applying

Students who have successfully completed their studies in 2022 will not be eligible to apply this year.

Application forms and further information is available from the Ministry of Education headquarters in Nikao, Rarotonga, or online at www.education.gov.ck. For further details please contact our Scholarships Advisor on 29357 or email scholarships@education.gov.ck.

Completed applications must be received no later than 12 noon Friday 19th May 2023.



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