



## Briefing Note: Talanoa Ako PLD Agenda and Speech notes

<b>To:</b>	Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Education		
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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- Note** the Talanoa Ako Induction and Development workshop for programme partners will be held in Wellington on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 in Meeting Room 1, West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington.
- Note** agenda, speaking notes and list of programme partners attending are attached to this briefing.

**Noted**

### Summary

- The Talanoa Ako Professional Learning and Development (PLD) session is a one day workshop. The workshop is for community and school-led partners delivering Talanoa Ako programme within Pacific communities and school communities.
- You have been invited to be our keynote speaker at the Wellington PLD workshop on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 between 8am and 9am.

  
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Deputy Secretary  
Parent Information and Community Intelligence

  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Associate Minister of Education

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## Supporting information

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1. Delivery of Talanoa Ako for 2021-2023 will see an expansion in our school-led communities with more schools in Auckland delivering the programme, and piloting school-led communities in both Wellington and Rotorua (METIS 1260300 refers).
2. The number of Ako Centres will increase from 61 to 76 centres. Contracting for these Ako Centres is in progress.
3. We hold a one-day Professional Learning and Development (PLD) session to support and induct our community partners delivering the Talanoa Ako programme.
4. The annual PLD workshop is designed to support our community partners. The session provides time for our partners to ask questions, collaborate and learn from each other, plan their programme delivery and how to mobilise communities, and learn about the monitoring and evaluation process (see Annex1).
5. There are two PLD workshops available to partners:
  - in Auckland on Tuesday, 3 August 2021 at EFKS Sandringham which will have over 100 attendees. This will be available for Auckland, Northland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty partners
  - in Wellington for Lower North Island and South Island regional partners. There will be up to 60 attendees.
6. We have attached draft notes about Talanoa Ako to support your speech.

## Annexes

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Annex 1:	Agenda
Annex 2:	Speech notes
Annex 3:	Confirmed list of attendees

## Annex 1: Agenda – Wednesday, 4 August 2021

Time	Activity	Who
<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Coffee and tea upon arrival</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	Invocation	<i>By Invitation</i>
<b>8.05am</b>	Welcome   Housekeeping	<i>Leatufale Tu'uauatō Mark Tulla Integration Advisor</i>
<b>8.13am</b>	<i>Mln Sio arrives between 8.05am-8.10am</i> Brief background to Talanoa Ako and Introduction of Hon Aupito William Sio	<i>Rose Jamieson Deputy Secretary Parent Information and Community Intelligence</i>
<b>8.15am</b>	Opening Remarks – Hon Aupito William Sio <i>15-20 mins is available for Mln Sio to speak, 5 min Q&amp;A and a group photo afterwards</i> <i>Mln Sio departs between 8.45am-8.50am</i>	
<b>8.45am</b>	Introductions	<i>Blake Wong-Ling Integration Advisor</i>
<b>9.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Talanoa Ako   The History of Talanoa Ako</li> <li>What's on top – 30 second feedback activity</li> </ul>	<i>Gabrielle Sisifo-Makisi Lead Integration Advisor</i>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Business Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract milestones</li> <li>Invoicing</li> <li>Online Database</li> </ul>	<i>Nari Auelua   Trasle Ropata Senior Advisors</i>
<b>10.30am</b>	Programme (10) and Milestone 1 mobilisation <u>Table activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>programme development, mobilisation and planning</li> <li>What's on top – 30 second feedback activity</li> </ul>	<i>Gabrielle Sisifo-Makisi Leatufale Tu'uauatō Mark Tulla</i>
<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>12.15pm</b>	Recap so far	<i>Blake Wong-Ling</i>
<b>12.30pm</b>	2020 Evaluation <u>Table activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unpacking the 2021 evaluation requirements</li> <li>2021 Milestone 2 &amp; 3</li> <li>Parent Talanoa</li> </ul>	<i>Gabrielle Sisifo-Makisi Blake Wong-Ling</i>
<b>1.15pm</b>	Sharing Best Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learning from each other and what has worked</li> <li>What's on top – 30 second feedback activity</li> </ul>	<i>Blake Wong-Ling</i>
<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>1.45pm</b>	End of day wrap up	<i>Gabrielle Sisifo-Makisi</i>
<b>2.30pm</b>	Benediction	<i>By Invitation</i>

## Annex 2: Speech Notes

*Weds 4 August 2021, 8am to 9am at West Plaza Hotel, Te Aro, Wellington*

- Kia ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Halo ola keta, Kia orana, Malo E lelei, Malo ni, Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa'ia, Talofa lava and warmest Pacific greetings.
- I would like to take this time to acknowledge various members of our Pacific community who are in attendance today; our traditional leaders, church leadership as well as those leaders from our school led and community organisations who together you deliver the programme, Talanoa Ako.
- Together as 'a community' I know you work tirelessly to support and lift the aspirations and dreams of our Pacific learners and their families.
- The 10-year Action Plan for Pacific Education that was launched last year, outlined that one of the five foci is the importance of partnering with families to co-design educational opportunities.
- Talanoa Ako is a key part of the Action Plan. Talanoa Ako builds Pacific parents and families' knowledge of the education system so they can support their children's learning journeys and engage with their children's schools.
- From its original inception as *Pacific Power Up* in 2013 to the current Talanoa Ako, the programme has grown from a focus on increasing NCEA L2 achievement in Pacific learners, to today, an emphasis on strengthening the capability of Pacific parents to be active partners in their children's education.
- As you know Talanoa Ako means to "*talk about education and learning*" - this is what our Pacific parents, learners, families and learning communities are doing in their Talanoa Ako Centres.
- Equipping our parents with the skills and confidence to have education focussed discussions with their child's teacher, deans, principals and other education system stakeholders is one of the ways we are transforming outcomes for Pacific learners and their families.
- Ako Centres are designed to be an 'as' and 'by' Pacific strength-based approach and are based on the learnings from previous iterations of the programme. This means the voice of Pacific Parents and their children matter. They have helped shape what Talanoa Ako is, and the topics you will deliver.
- The Ministry of Education has always partnered with Pacific churches, community organisations and schools. This year there are 76 Ako centres located across New Zealand delivering face-to-face talanoa about education. 45 Ako Centres Auckland-based and 31 Ako Centres are located from Whangarei to Invercargill.
- With the increased number of Ako Centre locations and availability of tools like the digital app and radio programme a greater number of Pacific parents and communities will be able to access education information in culturally safe spaces so they can be more confident in how they support their children learning and engage with their child's schools.
- Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning. I know the Ministry of Education funds the delivery of the programme, however I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you all for the many personal sacrifices that you make to help make a difference in education for the future of our children.
- I wish you a great year in delivering Talanoa Ako. Keep up the great work. God Bless and la Manuia.

## Background Notes:

- Some further stats about the 76 Talanoa Ako Centres:
  - 49 Ako Centres are parent focussed
  - 27 Ako Centres are for parents and their children
    - 34 of these Ako Centres will be delivered as Pacific-ethnic specific and include the following communities – Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Rotuma, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu
    - 18 Ako Centres will be delivered by schools
- Following the evaluation of the previous contract we have revised the number of parent participants to a minimum of 20 and partners have been contracted for a two-year cycle that will be from Sept 2021 to April 2023.
- Ako Centres will cover 10 education related topics that include:
  - Literacy and Numeracy
  - Understanding NCEA
  - Parent-Teacher communications
  - Reporting
  - Transitions
  - Careers advice & vocational pathways
  - Tertiary study
  - Time management and study skills
  - Two topic options that is parent choice
- Other Pacific resources that will support Ako Centre delivery include
  - **Talanoa Ako digital app**
  - **Talanoa Ako on Air radio programme** which has run on the Pacific Media Network twice since last year and more recently a 4-week series focussed on NCEA.
  - And a new series of **Talanoa Ako guided resources** to support both community and the teaching sector, which will be released in phases over the next year. I will launch the first set of these resources in the coming weeks.



### Annex 3: List of Partners attending

	Partner	Location	Pan / Ethnic
1	Flatbush Primary School <sup>1</sup>	Otara	Pan
2	Pacific Island Community Trust Gisborne	Gisborne	Pan
3	Pasifika in the Bay Trust	Tauranga	Pan
4	Rotorua Boys High School	Rotorua	Pan
5	Vaimoana Taranaki Pasifika Charitable Trust	New Plymouth	Pan
6	Irongate Primary School	Flaxmere	Pan
7	EFKS NZ Trust	Marton	Samoan
8	EFKS NZ Trust	Palmerston North	Pan
9	Tātai Angitu i Massey University	Levin	Pan
<b>Wellington Region Ako Centres</b>			
10	EFKS NZ Trust	Porirua	Samoan
11	Porirua College	Porirua	Pan
12	Victory Church	Porirua	Kuki Airani
13	Atafu Tokelau	Porirua	Tokelau
14	SDL Consultancy Ltd	Wellington	Fijian
15	Tokaikolo Church	Wellington	Tongan
16	PIPC Newtown	Wellington	Pan
17	EFKS NZ Trust	Naenae, Wellington	Samoan
18	Taita College	Taita, Wellington	Pan
19	Pasifika Hub	Lower Hutt	Pan
20	Wainuiomata Rugby Football Club	Wainuiomata	Pan
<b>South Island Ako Centres</b>			
21	Kalia Trust	Blenheim	Pan
22	Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust	Nelson	Pan
23	EFKS Hornby	Christchurch West	Pan
24	EFKS Hornby	Christchurch West	Samoan
25	Pasifika Trustees Network Ltd	Christchurch	Pan
26	Talanga a Waitaki	Oamaru	Pan
27	Sara Cohen School	Dunedin	Pan
28	PIACT Murihiku	Invercargill	Pan

<sup>1</sup> Principal Banapa Avatea unavailable to attend Auckland PLD on Tues 3 August 2021