



Briefing Note: Visit to Selwyn School in Rotorua on Friday 28 October 10.00am

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note

- This briefing is to support your visit to Selwyn School in Bay of Plenty – Waiariki on Friday 28 October 2022 at 10:00am to observe a mathematics lesson and meet with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the impact of the Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC) Maths Professional Learning and Development (PLD) on decision making.
- A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.
- A run sheet with a summary of the Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC) Maths PLD. Annex 2 refers.

Core School Information

Selwyn School (#1939)

Contact Name: Peter Barker
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Address: Old Quarry Road
Selwyn Heights
Rotorua

Key People

Principal: Peter Barker
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Board Chairperson: Noelani Hudson
9(2)(a)

Ministry Officials: Tui Rolleston
Director of Education Bay of Plenty – Waiariki
9(2)(a)

Tui Rolleston, Ngāti Whakaeue, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi is the new Director of Education for the Bay of Plenty/Waiariki region and started on 25 October. Tui comes to The Ministry from Ngā Kura a Iwi where she was Pou Arataki. Prior to that she was the Principal at Te Kura o Matapihi for 14 years.

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PLD Provider: Jodie Hunter
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Profile Information

Authority	State: Bay of Plenty – Waiariki
School Type	Contributing (Year 1-6)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English and Level 1 MMI (62 pupils)
Equity Index Rating	542-569
Electorate	Bay of Plenty
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Whenua Bay of Plenty – Waiariki

The July 2022 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	247	82.6
Pacific	9	3
Asian	4	1.3
Other ethnicity	2	0.6
European/Pākehā	37	14.4
International	0	0
Total	299	100%

School Context

1. Selwyn School is located in Selwyn Heights, Rotorua and provides education for children in Years 1 to 6. The school's roll of 299 includes 247 Māori children, many of whom whakapapa to Ngāti Whakaue and other local iwi. A small number of children of Pacific Island descent attend the school. The rūmaki unit provides 62 children with Level 1 Māori immersion education. A challenge for the school is the high roll turnover each year, and the falling roll.
2. Selwyn School works to remove any barriers to education, including having no uniform, stationery is provided at no charge, and the school has opted into the healthy school lunches programme and the Donations Scheme. Transport is offered to collect tamariki of whānau without a car, which is funded through the operations grants grant.

Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC)

- 3 The purpose of the visit is to observe classroom practice influenced by DMIC PLD and talk with senior management about how the PLD has affected decisions. Selwyn School is in its second year of PLD. DMIC is a method of teaching which encourages group problem solving in culturally centred contexts and improving engagement and outcomes in mathematics learning. DMIC takes maths out of textbooks and into the hearts of classrooms and communities.

Education Review Office (ERO)

3. The ERO is currently undertaking its review process at Selwyn School known as Te Ara Huarau which should be completed by the end of the year.
4. The school was last visited by the ERO in 2017 where ERO identified non-compliance in relation to consultation about and delivery of the health curriculum, and teacher appraisals.
5. ERO noted that the school has capacity and capability to accelerate learning for all learners. However, disparity in achievement for Māori and/or other learners remains.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

6. The school belongs to Te Maru o Ngongotahā Kāhui Ako which has twelve schools.
7. It has recently appointed an external lead as the interim lead principal until a Lead Principal is appointed.
8. The Kāhui Ako has 18 Early Childhood Education (ECE) providers, but no kohanga reo.
9. The joint projects and PLD foci are Trauma Informed Practice and increasing the use of Te Ao Māori in the English medium classrooms.
10. Selwyn School has 0.7 Learning Support Coordinator (LSC), which is shared with Sunset School. The school would like the LSC service full-time, however the sharing is working well.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

11. The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2022 and has opted-in for 2023. The school received \$49,350 in lieu of donations in 2021, and \$46,800 in 2022 based on the July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

12. The school has opted-in to the programme, and the provider is Peri's Kitchen. 9(2)(g)(i)
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

13. The school has opted into the programme and no concerns have been raised.

Creatives in Schools

14. The school did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

Impact of COVID-19

15. The school issued hard packs throughout COVID-19 lockdown in 2020. After a few weeks the school also distributed the school's devices to students from Years 4-6. The key focus was Hauora/Well-Being and supporting whānau. The biggest issue was lack of connectivity for whānau. Learning at home was secondary to well-being.
16. Selwyn School received Urgent Response Fund support of \$5,998 in August 2020. This was used to provide hard packs, transport for tamariki on return to school for whānau facing transport barriers, and a student well-being programme.

Property

17. All 10YPP 2017/18 projects have been completed. No projects are on hold. 9(2)(g)(i)
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- [REDACTED]
18. The school's 10YPP 2022/23 is pending approval.
19. The school has a property maintenance budget of \$41,818.00.
20. The LSC project is currently in procurement, estimated start date to be confirmed.
21. The School Investment Package (SIP) funding of \$218,295 was used towards an internal refurbishment project.
22. 9(2)(g)(i)
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- [REDACTED]

23. 9(2)(g)(i)
24. The Board would like two surplus teaching spaces removed/demolished immediately. The buildings have asbestos cladding. We are working on options and will provide the Board with further information.
25. The school has two air cleaners and two CO2 monitors.

Other known risks or issues

26. The school has a declining roll of about 17% in 2017/18, reducing to about 5% in 2021/22. The Principal says this has been caused by lack of adequate affordable housing and employment.
27. There has recently been a number of whānau of Year 6 students requesting that their tamariki can stay at the school until Year 8 rather than shifting to Kaitao Intermediate School.

Press

28. It is anticipated that the Rotorua Daily Post will be invited.

Proactive Release

- a. **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you and the visit has occurred.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree



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Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua

25/10/2022



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28/10/2022