



Briefing Note: Visit to Leigh School on Tuesday 06 September 2022

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

- The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Leigh School on Tuesday 06 September 2022 from 9.30 am to 10.30 am.
- A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex [1] refers.

Core Leigh School Information

Leigh School [1340]

Contact Name: Ms Kerrin Jamieson (Principal)
9(2)(a)

Address: Hauraki Road
Leigh
Warkworth 0985

Key People

Chairperson: Timothy Haggitt
9(2)(a)

Principal: Ms Kerrin Jamieson
9(2)(a)

Ministry Officials: TelwiNgaro Dunn – Education Manager
09 632 9301

Allan Jon - Learning Support Service Manager
09 632 9427

Kirsty Ross - Senior Education Adviser
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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Contributing (Year 1-6)
School Gender	Co-ed
Education Medium	English
Decile	7
Electorate	Kaipara ki Mahurangi

The July 2022 breakdown of roll information is shown below:

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	11	19.3%
Pacific	0	0%
Asian	2	3.5%
Other	1	1.8%
European/ Pākehā	43	75.4%
International	0	0 %
Total	57	100 %

Leigh School Context

- 1 Leigh School is located in the Ngāti Manuhiri rohe.
- 2 Many of the Leigh School present and former students are descendants of Ngāti Manuhiri. Students have recently been invited back to visit Omaha Marae to learn about the history of the area and to have a chance to practice their Te Reo skills. The school is also participating in Cultural Induction with Ngāti Manuhiri through their Kāhui Ako, facilitated by Hone Heke Rankin.
- 3 In 2020, teachers undertook regular Te Reo Māori lessons which they incorporate into their regular teaching and learning programmes. They are using Education Perfect for students at the senior level.

- 4 Leigh School is a strong Enviroschool and have achieved bronze level at this stage.
- 5 In March 2021, Leigh school commenced its first session of *Garden to Table*, a curriculum-integrated programme that provides real-world learning opportunities for children outside the traditional classroom environment. Garden to Table deepens the Enviroschool Kaupapa and is a strong aspect of their local curriculum.
- 6 Leigh School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Tier 1 school.
- 7 Kerrin Jamieson has been principal since November 2019 and was formerly at Mahurangi College and Warkworth Primary School.

Education Review Office

- 8 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2016 when ERO recommended that the school continued to consolidate and build upon the Improvements made in curriculum and teaching practices.
- 9 They have recently met with their Evaluation Partner to start on ERO's new evaluation model, Te Ara Huarau.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 10 The school belongs to Mahurangi Kāhui Ako. They have one Within School Leader which is shared with Pakiri School.

Learning Support

- 11 The school is part of the Mahurangi cluster, which has been allocated six Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).
- 12 There are three LSCs based at Mahurangi College and three shared across the cluster due to the small sizes of the schools.
- 13 There are no current learning support cases.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 14 The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2021 and 2022. The school received \$10,695 in 2021 and \$11,040 in 2022 in lieu of donations based on the July roll returns.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 15 The school is ineligible for the programme.

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

- 16 Leigh School have opted-in but have not ordered period products.

Creatives in schools

- 17 The school was successful for Round 3 of the Creatives in Schools. The name of their project is “Water of Life” which involves students from Year 1 to 7 and their creative is Hillary Austin Calder.

Impact of COVID-19

- 18 The school received the following funding to support it through COVID19 in 2022:
- \$12,000 Wellbeing Funding – First Time Principal
 - \$5,482 Regional Response Fund and
 - \$15,345 COVID19 Distance Learning Fund.
- 19 The school received the following funding to support it through COVID19 in 2021:
- \$15,838 Urgent Response Fund and
 - \$2,388 Rapid Resurgence Fund.
- 20 The principal encouraged the school board to invest in school devices in 2020 and subsequently each student had access to a device during their distance teaching and learning programmes.

Property

- 21 Leigh School is a decile 7 contributing primary school located in Leigh, Warkworth in the Auckland region. As of July 2022, the school had a total roll of 57 students.
- 22 Overall, the school property is in good condition.
- 23 The school has a current 5 Year Agreement (5YA) allocation of \$400,000 – which includes supplementary funding of \$340,000 – and an annual maintenance grant of \$13,000.
- 24 The school also received \$60,000 from the Accelerated Modernisation Scheme (AMS) and \$50,000 from the School Investment Package (SIP). The school used its SIP allocation to complete a new bike track.
- 25 The school has almost completed the refurbishment of 3 classrooms, administration space, and the school library. The project had a budget of approximately \$430,000 and utilized funding from the school’s 5YA, AMS, and Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) allocations.

- 26 As of 25 August, the school has been sent a total of 2 portable air cleaners under the Ministry's COVID-19 ventilation response. The school has also received three CO2 monitors, two from the term 1 and 2 distributions at the start of the year, and one from the term 3 distribution.

Other known risks or issues

- 27 The school has a new board with no governance experience.
- 28 The teaching principal has experienced difficulty finding relief teachers to enable her to be released and to utilise the Principal Wellbeing Fund she received

Proactive Release

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



Tanya Harvey
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Te Mahau | Te Tai Raro

31/08/2022

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**



Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education
(School Operations)

04/09/2022

Annex 1: Run Sheet

Time	Activity	Other details
9.30 am	Minister Tinetti arrives and is greeted by Ministry representative and/or Principal	Other attendees include: N/A
10.30 am	Minister Tinetti leaves	