

TE ARIKI CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2022

Set up to administer an annual scholarship, based upon the principles underpinning the work of Professor David Stewart, awarding an annual scholarship is the primary function of Te Ariki Trust.

Scholarships:

In 2021, the 2022 scholarship had been awarded to Jennie Croxford from Wanaka Primary School. Jennie provided email updates through the year to the Chairperson. She submitted a report in December, 2022, summarizing the work she had completed through 2022, with the support of the Trust.

The Trust oversaw the scholarship process during 2022. There were four strong applicants for the 2023 scholarship. For the first time, the scholarship was awarded to a group of principals – NZRASLA (New Zealand Rural Primary and Area School Leaders). Their goal is to use the scholarship fund to provide professional development for seventeen principal facilitators leading rural PLD networks in different regions in New Zealand in 2023.

An inaugural Ariki Trust leadership initiative:

In 2022 the Te Ariki Trust Board agreed to spend \$10,000 to develop a webinar pilot for school leaders. This was done in the context of 'Professional Growth Cycle' appraisals being mandated to replace traditional principal appraisal processes run by Boards of Trustees in 2023.

The purpose of the webinar was to provide principals with information about work David Stewart had done in establishing 'Professional Learning Circles' as a vehicle for principals to develop their practice, learning with, from and through each other. Dr. Lyn Bird, a former Board member, was contracted to develop the webinar concept and to organize and run the webinar for the Trust.

Because the Te Ariki Trust had always been a joint venture with NZPF and NZEI, Dr. Lyn Bird brought together a panel that had members from both organizations. The Teaching Council of Aotearoa had been in charge of developing the 'Professional Growth Cycle' appraisal concept so were also invited to put forward members for the panel.

The webinar provided information about David Stewart's work and how it linked to the new appraisal process being mandated in 2023. Feedback from principals was mixed, some principals expecting it to be more practical in focus. In a panel debrief, how a series of webinars could be developed to support principals through the process of setting up and/or strengthening leadership learning was discussed and outlined in a final report from Dr. Lyn Bird.

In summary:

The 2022 year was challenging, with COVID logistics disrupting all levels of the system. While this disrupted the timetable of meetings, it did not impact on the work completed.

I would like to acknowledge the members of Te Ariki Trust, their knowledge, integrity and commitment to ensuring Professor David Stewart's legacy continues to be honored. This year the Trust Board identified the gap between policy and practice in leadership appraisal which was the

catalyst for the webinar pilot. It was a beginning and could be a platform from which to develop stronger support for leadership PLD going forward.

I would also like to thank Sadie O'Rourke and Julie Lamb, who provided administrative infrastructure support for the Trust throughout the year.

The Te Ariki Trust continues to provide critical financial support for school leaders in Aotearoa, looking to build their professional capability and capacity through research, study and professional development initiatives. The purpose of the Ariki Trust has never been so relevant as in this time.

Nga mihi nui

Dr. Cherie Taylor-Patel

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