



Pomahaka Kāhui Ako

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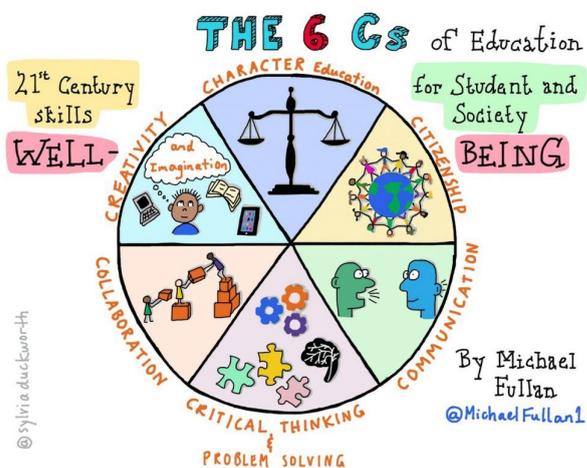
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Welcome to the Term 4 newsletter for our Pomahaka Kāhui Ako. We have had some new developments over the last couple of months. We have appointed our second Across Community Lead Teacher - Mrs Lisa Miller from Waikaka School. Mrs Miller will be working on Challenge 2

- A. To improve achievement in writing for Boys and Māori (female and male) students.
- B. To improve achievement in Mathematics for all students in Year 6 - 10.

Lisa will take up this role at the beginning of 2019.

Just this week the leadership teams of all the schools/centres were invited to meet with Mike Reading who will be leading us through the new Digital Technologies curriculum. This is an exciting time to be in education with the advancement of technology and being able to learn alongside our students as we come across different technologies none of us have experienced before. We looked at our Kāhui Ako vision and tried to create a picture. The vision, **“Working together to empower students, develop pathways and release the potential of our ‘Pomahaka’ learners for life”**, is an area we will be looking at as a whole when we all meet together on a teachers Only day on the 22nd March next year. In looking at our vision we can then see where the Digital Technologies Curriculum fits in and how these areas can be integrated throughout our plans. Once we have unpacked this we will be looking at the different areas which we as teachers can upskill ourselves in, to then provide a platform for our students.



Part of our discussions during the day was creating a culture of “we”. This Kāhui Ako is not just about the students and how we teach them. It is how we all work together, students, teachers, parents and whanau, and community. We all are involved in this thing we call education and we all need to get involved with our students to help them navigate their way through their future, which is quite different to ours! These students will be working in professions we have not even dreamed about. Therefore what are the skills they will need? We looked at the 6 Cs of 21st century learning. These will be critical areas to develop in our students for their futures!

As always the stewardship team of Antony Criglington (CoL leader), Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan (BMC), Bronwyn McCall (Waikaka), Denise Sanne (Kidz Way), Colin McHutchon (Heriot), Zita Young (Tapanui) and Mark Tiller (Waikoikoi), are meeting regularly and keeping the work going on in the background.

If you have any questions about the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) please feel free to get in touch with any on the stewardship team. We would love to hear from you.