

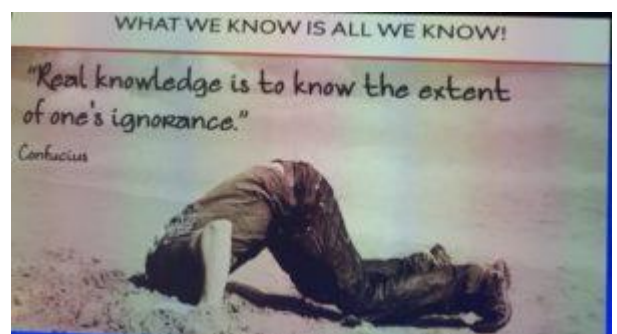
Reflections on the Trans-Tasman Principals Conference 2016 #TTPC16

The connections are made, and the knots tied, the knowledge in my hands, literally. By the end of the #TTPC16 I had shared some key messages that resonated with @newmarketschool and approximately 100 other @twitter conference delegates. The #TTPC16 hashtag was used several thousand times by delegates during the conference, as those who attended tweeted out key messages that resonated for them.

If each of the delegates had international and local colleagues *in their hands* then the knowledge generated at the #TTPC16 was indeed spread wide, and knowing the twitter community will keep on spreading. It was great to see conference Keynote Speakers, no-doubt with followers in the thousands, tweeting and retweeting each other's messages. @JLHalbert, 2lkaser, @NZ_Jamie and others it has been fab to go a bit deeper and learn a little more about your work, through links found on you twitter feed. I do like the idea of meeting others who *spiral* in British Columbia next year.

Twitter is a powerful communication tool and in my hands helps grow my learning connections in New Zealand and internationally #ldrchatNZ, #edchatNZ. At the conference it was great to meet new friends and say hello to old friends in person and virtually. Hello again to @MichelleSJones1 in Malaysia, @bar_zie teacher in Norway, shout-out to a new follower principal @Adam_Lear from Australia, it was great to catch up with Neil @_NPS. @StonefieldsSch and @newmarketschool are looking forward to hosting @smfeasey principal of Sir Douglas Bader School UK this July.

I #Storify'd <https://storify.com/newmarketschool/reflections-on-ttpc16> my 50 or so tweets to use as a reflection on my learning from the #TTPC16. Tweets can be notes to self, and a tweet of a photo or a slide can be a useful resource or reminder once back in school standing at the desk. I always know where to find the node in a twitter cache. I did attempt to Storify the tweets of all #TTPC16 attendees but as these were in the thousands have left this task to another more capable twitter user. Any e-fellows at the #TTPC16 or maybe a job for you @NZPF? This task reminded me of the leadership of @MissDtheTeacher, @vanschajijkt and others who give so much of their time to help the learning of others, great examples of Ako, Tuakana Teina and Vu Deja. Yes, it can be hard to get the head out of social media quick sand.



Slide from Thought Leader Michael Henderson

We heard a great many conference speakers tell their stories, share their passions, and provide timely and pertinent key messages. I particularly found that the stories about growing strong citizens, building relationships, walking in others' shoes, and developing resilience as a leader and learner fit well with our local curriculum development @newmarketschool. I will be thinking about and putting in place further strategies to help those in our school and community develop empathy, and the importance of the adults in our school raising awareness of social contact and building resilience through story telling @Sirpeterblaketr @NZ_Jamie.

I actively participate in a powerful leaders' networks through my involvement in twitter. My learning is supported through the many 'nodes' or knots I tie and link as connection points with colleagues and knowledgeable others. The use of twitter as a redistribution point is useful for communicating, disseminating, and reflecting. It was great to see the thank you messages from our Aussie colleagues and the many commendations for the organising committee of the #TTPC16 @NZPF. Leaders know the power of such nodes, and the usefulness of knowledge in our hands.

@cognition thanks for selecting my *tweeted* haiku to a win a Fitness tracker, just one of the great sponsors' #TTPC16 conference prizes – woo hoo!

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