

Trans – Tasman Principals Conference 2016

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this conference, to hear some amazing stories and to network with other principals. The 2 sessions that made the most impact were

Linda Kaser & Judy Halbert – Inquiry & Innovation, Curiosity & Teamwork – Strong Outcomes for All

Key Points that resonated especially in terms of Principal Hauora:

Kat'il'a: finding stillness amidst our busyness and need to know

Cwelelep: being in a place of dissonance, uncertainty in anticipation of new learning

- Is our work heartfelt?
- Are we willing to persist no matter what?

4 Key Guiding Questions - at the heart of what we do around here

- Can you name 2 adults in this learning setting who believe you will be a success in life? (what do these adults do that tells you this)
- What are you learning and why is it important?
- How is it going – how do you know?
- Where to next?

The outcomes they emphasised that we can all connect with were:

- Every learner crossing the stage with dignity, purpose and options
- All learners leaving our schools more curious than when they arrived
- All learners with an understanding of and respect for an indigenous world view

Mary Wilson – Beyond Tolerance: Celebrating and Respecting Diversity

The key message was

NEVER assume you know the needs of a family or a communityLISTEN carefully to their stories and understandings will emerge

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