



## Our People, Our Place

The Central New Plymouth Kāhui Ako is made up of six New Plymouth Schools: 3 Primary schools, 1 Intermediate and 2 Secondary Schools. As of 1 July 2022, the total roll of the Kāhui Ako was 4,417, made up of NZ / Pakeha 2882 (65%), Māori 1032 (23%), Pacific 110 (2.5%), Asian 263 (5.9%) and others 142 (3.5%). All the schools are within the Te Atiawa iwi boundary.

### Whakawhanaungatanga – getting into our schools

It has been an absolute pleasure this term getting into all of schools that make up our Kāhui Ako. I have been able to meet with all Principals to hear their stories of how their year has started and to gather their whakaaro and questions about our Kāhui Ako and our Achievement Challenges:

- Attendance & Engagement
- Coherent Pathways
- Hauora (focus on emotional regulation)

### Across School Leaders

Our ASL's have been collecting information on what systems and processes their kura are already doing for the three achievement challenges and presenting them to our group. We have had 4/6 presentations from our schools and look forward to hearing from the other 2 schools later this term and early next term.

### In Term 2 our goals are to:

- Develop our shared vision and values for the Kāhui Ako
- Review and confirm our shared kaupapa/agreed ways of working
- Revisit, review and prioritise our Achievement Challenges
- Define and confirm actions to target the Achievement Challenges
- Establish implementation, monitoring and evaluation systems to sustain the achievement plan



**Ko te toki tē tangatanga i te rā. He toki, He tangata.**

## Our Kāhui Ako Team

**Kāhui Ako Lead Principal:** Ngatai Walker (Puketapu School)

**Across School Leaders (ASLs):** Ayla Adlam (Highlands Intermediate), Myken Rowlands (NPGHS), Michelle Puckeridge (NPBHS), Amanda O'Dowda (Puketapu School), Laura Seed (Vogeltown)

**Within School Leaders (WSLs):** To be announced and introduced once all WSLs have been appointed.

Please read their our Kāhui Ako Lead and ASLs bio's on the following pages





## Amanda O'Dowda Puketapu School

Kei Taranaki mouna ahau e noho ana  
Kei Te Henui awa ahau e noho ana  
Ko Charlotte Jane te waka  
Ko Chapman toku ingoa whanau  
No Feilding ahau  
Kei toku whanau toku kainga  
Ko Tony Chapman toku matua  
Ko Sylvan Jennings toku whaea  
Ko Blair O'Dowda toku hoa tane  
Ko Grace O'Dowda toku tamahine  
Ko Amanda O'Dowda toku ingoa

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

My name is Amanda and I am proud to call Puketapu School my kura, where I am the Assistant Principal for the Senior School.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive. This whakatauki encompasses what I value about the staff, ākonga and community of Puketapu. We acknowledge that everybody has strengths and something to offer and by working together we can all flourish. We collaborate to provide an inclusive and caring culture that supports well-being and our vision of creating lifelong learners. There is a strong sense of belonging and community that is a privilege to be part of.

As an ASL, I am excited to have the opportunity to work with and learn from the amazing and experienced individuals, schools and communities that we have in our Kahui Ako. I am really looking forward to building whanaungatanga and fostering a culture of collaboration between us. I believe wholeheartedly that by working together we will be able to identify areas for improvement and develop new skills and strategies to improve teaching and learning. All of which will contribute to improved student outcomes for our ākonga. It is an exciting time for our kura and I am grateful to be a part of it.



## Michelle Puckeridge NPBHS

Tēnā koutou, tena koutou katoa  
Ko Taranaki te maunga  
Ko te henui te awa  
Ko Ingarangi me Itari nga iwi  
Ko Angelo Domenico Tremamondo te hapu  
Ko New Plymouth taku turangawaewae  
Ko Scott Puckeridge taku tane  
Ko Malachi ratou ko Josh, ko Caleb aku tamariki  
Ko Michelle Puckeridge toku ingoa  
Nō reira  
Tēnā koutou

Kia ora, I have returned to New Plymouth Boys' High School this year and I am already inspired by the drive to care for our ākonga and the increasing desire to meet the individual needs for each young man to succeed in their learning. I teach English and focus on developing the skills young people need to express themselves, think critically and understand different perspectives in literature and beyond. I have had the opportunity over my 25 years of teaching to be involved in pastoral care and curriculum design and I am excited to be a part of the Central New Plymouth Kahui Ako in collaborating and seeking out the best practice in each school and TOGETHER using this ākoranga to propel forward the teaching and learning of OUR Taranaki ākonga.

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## Myken Hurley NPGHS

Kia ora tātou  
Ko Taranaki te maunga  
Ko Ōakura te awa  
Nō Taranaki ahau  
Ko Rowland toku whanau  
Ko Myken toku ingoa

I have had the joy of being a teacher at New Plymouth Girls' High School for the past 10 years and have had the chance to wear many different hats during my time here. At the moment I am the Teacher in Charge of Accounting and this year teach senior Accounting classes and a junior Business Studies class.

I love that we have something for everyone here at NPGHS. There is such a diverse range of opportunities for students and staff. Our students are encouraged to be themselves and find their passion during their time at NPGHS. It is amazing to see the transition from nervous Year 9 students on the first day through to confident young wāhine when they leave. We have fantastic staff who are all so supportive of each other.

I am excited to be an ASL and to have the opportunity to learn from others in the Central New Plymouth Kahui Ako. I truly believe this Kahui Ako has the potential to positively benefit our community and am really excited to be part of this journey.





**Laura Seed**  
**Vogeltown School**

Tēnā koutou katoa.  
Ko Taranaki te maunga  
Ko Mangaotuku te awa  
Ko Queen of Mercy te waka  
Ko Ngāti Pākehā te iwi  
Ko Seed me Bocock ōku whānau  
Ko St Joseph's te marae  
Ko John rūa ko Maree Bocock ōku mātua  
Ko Hayden Seed tōku hoa rangatira. Nō  
konei ia, ā, ko Taranaki, ko Te Atiawa, ko  
Ngāruahine ōna iwi.  
Tokotoru ā māua tamariki; ko Jacinta, ko  
Ethan, ko Alyssa ō rātou ingoa.  
Ko Laura Seed tōku ingoa.  
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā  
tātou katoa

I am from Vogeltown School and I have  
started a new role this year as a walking  
Associate Principal.

Vogeltown school has an amazing culture  
which makes you feel welcomed, valued  
and respected. I love working alongside  
our staff, collaborating ideas, creating  
varied and engaging programmes which  
give our akonga authentic learning  
experiences both inside and outside of  
the classroom.

I am really excited be an ASL and to make  
connections with the other schools in our  
Kahui Ako and see what makes them  
unique, identify similarities and learn  
more about their schools culture, identity  
and initiatives. I am also looking forward  
to implementing new strategies which  
can be successfully introduced and  
embedded across primary, intermediate  
and secondary sectors.



**Ayla Adlam**  
**Highlands Intermediate**

Kia ora tātou  
Greetings all  
Ko Taranaki te mouna  
Taranaki is the mountain  
Ko Waiongana te awa  
Waiongana is the river  
Ko Essex te waka  
Essex is the waka  
Ko Cornwall a Te Āti Awa te iwi  
Cornwall and Te Āti Awa is the tribe  
Ko Takawaenga O Pukekura te kura  
Highlands Intermediate is my school  
Nō Taranaki ahau  
Tarnaki is where I am from  
Nō Manutahi haukāinga  
Lepperton is home  
Ko Adlam tokū whānau  
Adlam is my family  
Ko Ayla tokū ingoa  
My name is Ayla  
Tihei mauri ora  
May good health be yours

I am from Highlands Intermediate

- Yr7 Te Hēnui Classroom teacher
- Wellbeing Ako member
- Staff Representative – Board
- Across School Leader – Central New Plymouth Kāhui Ako

I love the people at Highlands. Mark and  
the Senior Leadership team have created  
a real sense of belonging – we are one big  
whānau. Highlands Intermediate is  
wholeheartedly a kura where we “strive for  
excellence” by showing RAWA in everything  
we do. There is a true sense of wrap  
around support and opportunities to grow  
as not only educators, but people  
ourselves.

I am excited to be an ASL and to have the  
opportunity to grow and have a positive  
impact on not only our Kura, but our  
community. Education and the needs of  
our learners are rapidly evolving, so having  
a seat at the table of change is an exciting  
challenge.



**Ngatai Walker**  
**Puketapu School**

Ko Hikurangi te maunga  
Ko Waiapu te awa  
Ko Te Whānau o Ruataupare te hapū  
Ko Ruataupare te marae  
Ko Ngati Porou te iwi

Nō Whakaoriori ki Wairarapa ahau  
engari e noho ana au ki Kohanga Moa  
inaiane.

I am married to Karla and a father of  
three (Malia – 14, Arana – 12, Meiana – 9)

I am the Tumuaiki of Puketapu School  
and have been for the past 6.5 years.  
I love leading our kura as we have a  
beautiful and proud community. We  
are proud to be named after our local  
hapū and want to be build on the work  
done by our past rangatira.

I am excited about the Kāhui Ako Lead  
role because it gives the six schools that  
are in it an opportunity to grow and  
learn from each other. I have heard  
about and seen so many strengths  
from our Kāhui Ako schools in the past 6  
weeks. I'm looking forward to our  
schools being able to learn off these  
strengths.

Ko te toki tē tangatanga i te rā. He toki,  
He tangata.

We will remain unified as one people  
regardless of any obstacles that may  
challenge our unity.

