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### **Hīkoi from Kerikeri to Otumoetai for Prime Minister's Education Awards**

A hīkoi will travel from Northland's Kerikeri High School to Otumoetai Intermediate School in Tauranga over the weekend to hand over one of the inaugural Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards which the two schools were jointly awarded earlier this year.

Kerikeri High School held the Teaching and Learning category trophy for the first part of the year and is now handing it to Otumoetai Intermediate School.

The hīkoi will travel from Northland to Tauranga from Friday 5 to Monday 8 December.

The hīkoi will start with a poroporoaki (farewell ceremony) at Kerikeri High School with the Principal, a Kaumātua, a Kuia, hapū members, students, Te Kotahitanga Facilitators, Board members and whānau.

This group will then travel down to Tauranga on Sunday with the trophy which will be presented at a pōwhiri at Otumoetai Intermediate on Monday morning attended by representatives of Ngāti Ranginui.

Otumoetai Intermediate also took out the Supreme Award in the 2014 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards, as well as being a finalist in both the Excellence in Engaging and Excellence in Governing categories.

"Both Kerikeri High School and Otumoetai School have demonstrated some of the best that can be achieved for New Zealand's learners, and they are deserving joint winners.

"The inaugural Awards were a great success. We have seen many fresh ideas and have learnt from all the finalists and winners from across the education sector. We have showcased some outstanding collaborations already, and look forward to seeing more from around the country in the 2015

Awards,” says Dr Graham Stoop, the Ministry of Education’s Deputy Secretary for Student Achievement and convenor of the 2014 judging panel.

Entries for the 2015 Awards, which recognise outstanding achievements in education, are now open to those who are making a difference in early childhood, primary and secondary education.

The four Award categories focus on qualities that are internationally recognised as critical to education – Excellence in Engaging; Excellence in Leading; Excellence in Teaching and Learning; and Excellence in Governing. An additional Education Focus Prize for 2015 is also being awarded for demonstrating a collaboration that creates Learner-led Pathways from early childhood to schooling.

The four Category winners will also be eligible for the Prime Minister’s Supreme Award, which will go to the group that has demonstrated the greatest impact on education outcomes. Winners of the Supreme Award receive an additional financial award and an opportunity to represent New Zealand education.

Entries have now opened and will close on Friday 20 March 2015. Finalists will be announced in May 2015 and a national awards ceremony will be held in Wellington in June 2015.

For more information on how to enter, as well as categories and criteria, visit the Prime Minister’s Education Excellence Awards website.

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## Notes to the editor

### **Award categories, criteria and framework:**

#### **Prime Minister's Supreme Award**

Takiri ko te ata

*This award is selected from the winners in the four Award categories and determined by the extent of improvement and impact on education outcomes.*

#### **Excellence in Engaging**

Atahāpara Award

*This award celebrates working together as a community to transform relationships and achievement, leading to improved and sustainable outcomes for all children and young people.*

#### **Excellence in Leading**

Atakura Award

*This award celebrates leadership and influence that has strengthened professional capability and created a change in conditions, leading to improved and sustainable outcomes for all children and young people.*

#### **Excellence in Teaching & Learning**

Atatū Award

*This award celebrates teaching that transforms the learning of all children and young people, and has improved and sustainable outcomes for them all.*

#### **Excellence in Governing**

Awatea Award

*This award celebrates governance and management that creates the conditions for leading and teaching to improve and sustain outcomes for all children and young people.*

#### **2014 Education Focus Prize**

Takatū Prize

*The 2015 prize celebrates a focus on collaboration that creates Learner-led Pathways from early childhood to schooling.*

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for the 2015 Awards, an entry must:

- focus on improving outcomes for children and young people - in early childhood education, primary school, or secondary school, in English, Māori, or Pasifika-medium
- be from a group, team or partnership (entries about an individual are not eligible)
- be based in New Zealand
- be based around curriculum documents and education strategies developed in New Zealand
- include at least one qualified teacher with provisional or full New Zealand registration
- not pose a risk to the credibility or integrity of the Awards.

Groups, teams or partnerships that include a staff member or contractor from an Education Sector Agency are not eligible to enter (including Ministry of Education, New Zealand Teachers Council, Education Review Office, Education New Zealand, Tertiary Education Commission, and New Zealand Qualifications Authority, Careers New Zealand).

### **Entering the Awards:**

To enter the awards, a group, team or partnership must meet the eligibility criteria and complete an entry form that includes a case study.

The case study should detail:

- the story of the group, team or partnership
- what they set out to improve and why
- the actions they took to bring about change
- the change they achieved and sustained for children and young people

Each entry must be supported by evidence of a positive change in learning and achievement.

Entries must be received by 5:00pm, Friday 20th March 2015