

Dear Parents

The Government has announced that National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori will be removed from 2018. Instead the Government will focus on the progress and achievement of all children across the wider New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

This change will better acknowledge the different ways and pace at which children learn, and support teachers to provide more learning opportunities based on what children already know and can do. The new focus will strengthen educational partnerships between parents, schools and kura.

Schools and kura will still be required to report to parents, at least twice a year, on their child's progress and achievement, especially in the foundational learning areas of maths, reading, and writing. But schools and kura will no longer be required to use National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori for this reporting.

Our SMS provider Linc Ed (where we currently view our reports on line) has come up with Progression based reporting. So what is Progression based reporting?

Progression based reporting is based around goal setting, the more effective the goal setting the better picture you get of achievement.

1. Goals are levelled according to the NZ curriculum in all curriculum areas not just Reading, Writing and Maths.

- Level 1 - NE to Y2
- Level 2 - Y3 -4
- Level 3 - Y 5-6
- Level 4 - Y7-8

2. Students complete goals in each curriculum area at each level, so students can be working in more than one level at a time.

3. Goals are levelled by Linc Ed so it is accurate.

4. Promotes student involvement. Students can log in, set their own goals and add evidence to goals.

5. Evidence can be shared against goals by both students and teachers. This includes tagging one piece of evidence to multiple goals.

6. Schools can choose to award digital badges for sets of completed goals.

7. Teachers update goals throughout the year and it becomes ongoing, not just twice a year.

Progression based reporting will provide a richer picture of students achievements and areas of strength as it focuses on more than the three areas of Reading, Writing and Maths.

This year our teachers will begin to provide information on Science, PE and Health and the Arts so giving a more richer, rounder picture of your child's time at school. Included in this evidence will be student voice, pictures and videos. Our year 5-8 students will have access to their Linc Ed accounts and will begin evidencing against goals set. As our students and teachers become more proficient at learning this new reporting style we hope to move to an ongoing reporting style that will replace twice a year reports and celebrate achievements in real time not just twice a year.

This new style of report will be going out at the End of Term 2 please make sure you can log into your child's report prior to the reports going live in Week 9. Our website <http://web.waiuku.school.nz/parenthandbook/student-achievement-progress-reports> has reminders on how to do this. Also there is a short video explaining Progression based reporting for your information. Any problems please contact the office and we will endeavour to get you online.

Regards

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