Governance Meeting
8:00 pm, 4 August, Richmond School

Apologies- Warren Hall

Report on Allanah's activities/visits since last meeting

• Warren asked about traffic on the cluster wiki- here is a screen grab of visits for 2011. The front page of the cluster wiki now has a ht counter on it starting Term 3 2011. It now has had 680 visits since the beginning of Term Three- trying to keep in relevant.

• People are also following activity on the VLN and networked to my Delicious account so they know what I am bookmarking.

• **Masterton Cluster Day**- they requested a follow up day from last year- very successful small group of tech savvy lead teachers-

• Cyber Safety Resource : attended **Cyber Safety presentation** with John Parsons- an interesting conversation ensued http://www.simulate2educate.co.nz/

• Presented an information evening at Mapua School for parents discussing issues around **cyber-safety** https://sites.google.com/site/cybersafetyresources/presentation

• **Home School Partnership Group** to share links to enhance our goals http://www.vln.school.nz/pg/groups/74810/home-school-partnerships/

• The **iPad user group on the VLN** is now second most popular- soon to be most popular. Great forum for sharing thoughts, issues and apps. Being able to access iPad2 is brilliant for sharing the iOS features and possibilities with a wider audience. **Thank you.**

• **Tasman Collaborative Project**- Fraser Campbell at Tasman is continuing with a cross school collaboration in Google Apps using the cluster Google Apps account between Tasman, Mahana, Upper Moutere and Dovedale. Fraser is going to contribute a reflection about this for the Milestone summary due early next term.

• **After school Thursday workshops** have been fairly well attended with between 5-14 participants. Workshops focussed on Digital Storytelling, RSS readers, Google Apps, Wikispaces, IOS apps to support literacy

• I facilitated a combined after school Thursday workshop with a **Library Network meeting**. This was very well attended function with librarians and interested teachers from across the region. This led to my presenting at a morning staff meeting on QR Codes at Tasman District Library last week.

• **Digital Storytelling**- I have received no submissions yet but people are working on it. A number of schools have requested extra support with this as it can be quite complex across platforms. Entries close Monday 3 October.

- **All day blogging workshop** was a bit lame- three participants and dodgy internet but we did get there in the end- had to move schools half way through to find better internet!

- **Unconference**- fairly well attended but not as well as the Saturdays- it did conflict with a number of other engagements. Attracted some participants that hadn't attended before with a change of venue.

- **Principals' Morning and Lead Teachers meetings** well supported with Ian Munro talking about ENROL & Student Record Transfer and Jane Hornibrook speaking from Creative Commons. I am yet to receive her resources.

- **ULearn11** in Rotorua 19-21 October Holidays Four of us from the cluster will be attending are being supported by the cluster
  > Allanah pre-conference on blogging and wikispaces, Apple Smackdown and Google
  > John O'Regan (Hampden Street) presenting on Podcasting
  > Kellie McRobert (Nayland) presenting on e Competencies
  > Charles- pecha kucha and leadership
  > Rotorua Keynote I have been asked to present a keynote on the first day of Term Four in Rotorua so will be staying on for an extra day after the holidays after #ULearn11.

- **Principals' Morning Wednesday 9 November** at Honest Lawyer

- **Lead Teacher Thursday 10 November** Honest Lawyer

- I attended the **CORE breakfast** in Christchurch. Paul Rodley, head of ICT at Christ College was talking about mobile technology at his school. This was followed by a cluster meeting round table meeting at Burnside High again looking at their newly set up mobile tech suite.

- I have been asked to write an article for Education Review: ICT Procurement reflecting in part on a follow up from a contribution I made last year http://www.educationreview.co.nz/pages/section/article.php?s=ICT+%26+Procurement&idArticle=19069 Due end of September!

- I am working with RTLB/SLS/Netsafe to formulate and circulate an iPad use agreement for iPads going home with children- the opposite of BYOD!

- **Learning at School Attendee follow up**- I would like some guidance on how we might best use/advertise the participants suggestions for leadership. http://goo.gl/8eLww Suggest that they lead the after school workshops next term

- **School Visits-** school visits this term focussed on developing learning using mobile devices for special ed, Dropbox web file hosting & sharing, sharing iPad apps for learning (special thanks to St Paul's for the loan of their iPads), developing RSS, Google Tools, developing blogging, strategic planning, digital storytelling, VLN, principal/lead teacher support & discussion, virtual support and prep for ULearn. And one after school workshop on blogging with Victory School.

- I attended the AP/DP after school meeting talking about Leadership with Marg Lees- readings.

- Quite a large group of cluster members attended NZTA/SOLO taxonomy day to support RWC at Nelson Central with Pam Hook and Julie Mills- very proud of participants from our cluster who all brought their laptops to record their learning. http://goo.gl/q6nL8

- I have received confirmation from Appleby for leave to continue my role with the cluster into 2012. Thank you everyone.

Thanks for your continued support
Allanah