



**Pacific Science for Health Literacy
Partnership Programme**

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International Connections

Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Hello!

LENScience is involved in the World Universities Network (WUN) Public Health Global Challenge (PHGC) Education Group, charged with developing understanding of best-practice with regard to the role of schools as a setting for NCD risk reduction.



This group includes researchers and practitioners from across 10 nations. The University of Auckland is a member of the WUN. The Cook Islands and Tongan Ministries of Education and Health connect to the group as WUN-Plus partners, linked through the University of Auckland.

The collaboration partners all have active school-based programmes that aim to support the development of health- and scientific-literacy capabilities through a variety of approaches.

The group has strong links to the Health Promoting Schools groups in Europe, Asia and Australia.

A workshop 'Scientific and health literacy for adolescents: Strategies for assessment of competencies required to support NCD risk reduction' will be held at the University of Auckland November 30 – December 1. Speakers include: Prof. Sir Peter Gluckman, Dr Katie Fitzpatrick, Dr Rose Hipkins, Prof Oddrun Samdal, Mrs Ina Hermann, Mrs 'Emeli Pouvalu & Ms Jacquie Bay. You can [register here](#) to **connect to the workshop which will be broadcast via a webinar enabling participation from throughout the world.**

Cook Islands News

Kia Orana from the Cook Islands!

We were all saddened to hear news of the fires at Nukutere College and Avatea School. The rebuilding required includes the Avatea library as well as classrooms and resource rooms in both schools and the science lab and resource room at Nukutere College. To read more and contribute to the [Schools Fire Appeal](#) please visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.gov.ck/index.php/latest-news/63-help-rebuild-schools>

Nukutere College is one of the three schools within the project and despite the set-back, they are looking

forward to using the Year 11 programme "Diabetes an Issue in My Community" during term 2 next year - hopefully about the same time as their classrooms will be rebuilt. Nukutere College Deputy Principal Delaney Yaquona, is a member of the working group developing the Year 11 programme for the Cook Islands which will include stories of the work of members of the Cook Islands Ministry of Health Team.

The Cook Islands Ministry of Health Team, led by Karen Tairea spent several days in November with cameras following their work, capturing the first stories that will be used in the Year 11 and Year 9 learning resources. Thanks to the Ministry of Health NCD Team as well as the team from Te Aponga Uira Head Office who allowed the cameras to follow the recent Workplace Wellness event at Te Aponga Uira. The video will be edited over the summer and we look forward to seeing the finished clips integrated into the learning resources. More video will be captured during 2014.

All three schools will embark on the Diabetes module in Term 2, along with Linwood College in Christchurch, and Auckland's Onehunga High School and Tamaki College. Using the LENSscience Connect Community the students from New Zealand and the Cook Islands will have the opportunity to share ideas, questions and we hope good discussions.

Christchurch's Linwood College will be a hub of connectivity with the Pacific Project next year. Helen Mora, co-author of the Diabetes programme and Head of Science at Linwood will be joined by Matt Easterbrook who is sadly leaving the Cook Islands but not the programme! Matt and Helen will be using many of the New Zealand programmes that have links to the Pacific programme and we look forward to the developments that will emerge from connections with Linwood College.

Tongan News



Dr Ofa Tukia

Malo e ngaue from Tonga

We are delighted that Dr Ofa Tukia, Head of the NCD/Health Promotion Unit, has agreed to be a member of the Advisory Committee for the Pacific Partnership Programme. Dr Ofa has 26 years experience working in the Ministry of Health in a variety of primary health care centres in the districts of Tonga and the outer islands.

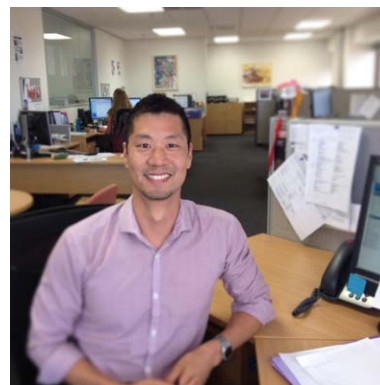
Work is underway to appoint the Project Administrator in Tonga. The position has been advertised and the successful applicant will be employed by the Ministry of Education & Training and will be based in an office at Tonga High School under the direction of Mrs 'Amelia Folaumahina, Principal. As well as carrying out the administrative tasks associated with the Pacific Science for Health Literacy Partnership Programme and ensuring that all those involved, both in the Ministry of Education and Training and the

Ministry of Health are kept informed of meetings and timelines are managed, there will be a coordination component with students and families and the other Project Partners in the Kingdom of Tonga and New Zealand.

Who's who?

Kent Lee is the UniServices Business Manager on the Pacific Science for Health Literacy Partnership Programme. Kent's role is to provide financial administration and contractual advice and

support on the MFAT contract and associated Collaborator Agreements. With this important and high profile project spanning multiple organisations and countries, Kent works with the Auckland based Project Team and key stakeholders in the Partner Countries and with MFAT to ensure the funding and legal documents are in place, understood and adhered to, enabling the International Project Team to deliver its desired outputs and reports on time and on budget.



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