



Student Led Conferences 2019



The journey2019 to 2006 to 2019!

- I believe-SLCs are good for kids, parents and teachers-ticks all boxes!
- Another cog in the reporting process/cycle-letters, bbq,open door, emails, newsletter,approachable...
- Student Led Conferences (SLCs)-Child focussed, child run!
 - 30 minute slots
 - Up to 4 groups for slot
 - Student run/directed. They do the talking, parents listen and ask questions.
 - Years 3 to 8
 - Teacher checks in with parents -some want to chat, others don't
 - Included in SLC is a written report + e portfolio or seesaw-Should generally learning selected by child. Not everything done in the year!
 - Extras-Art around the room, maths games, usual books etc
 - Relaxed, calm and focussed. It's NOT tons of assessment, stupid tick sheets, boring.....

Where it all began.....

- 2006 Teaching Principal-random question from a parent.....
- WVS (2007-2009)-SLCs 15 to 30 minute slots. Paper portfolios.
- 2010-2018 Te Horo School. Staff developed guidelines-paper portfolios, student script, meet & greet, teacher role, student input (agency!)
- Evolved into **e-portfolios 2015 from year 4s**
- NO parent interviews until 2016. SLCs+Interviews **(low turnout)**
- Dropped interviews in 2017. Come in if you want! High attendance continued at SLCs.
- All 3 of my kids from age 5

Kapanui 2019....Time for a change!

- New school term 4 2018
- Teachers keen for new ideas and a change after the National Standards era, 3 way conferences, learning journeys, interviews over 2 nights!.....
- Staff/community/kids discussions and survey. Gathered info, ideas. Many were not particularly happy.
- Many teachers and parents only knew the NS system
- Soooooooooo.....



SLCs, New Reports, Digital, Insta & FB

- Introduced SLC concept
- Shared my experiences +Jane. Why, how etc?
- [Refined our reports](#) (e-tap)-Student +Teacher comment, 3Rs
- Decision to go **digital** Years 5-8 (seesaw+e-portfolios)
- Portfolios/seesaw+student work drive the SLCs. Should NOT be a huge amount of extra work and authentically show progress and achievement, broader curriculum learning as well as KCs, 3Rs

- Newsletter # 1...everyone missed it
- Newsletter # 2 repeat of #1.... **FB lit up!**
- Newsletter-thanks for engaging. Repeated the info....**TRUST US!**
- CCC-a few questions, home and school meetings
- Teams had brainstormed ideas, met as staff to discuss. What's on your mind?
- We talked about classroom layout, where will people all sit, pre schoolers, others might listen, music going, what's the teacher going to do.....
- **NO SURPRISES** for parents or kids
- Google booking form



The big SLC arvo/night arrived!!

- 30 minutes SLCs, max of 4 groups, teacher roving
- My role
- Staff feedback....enjoyed the process, relaxed, meaningful, loved watching the interaction between kids & parents, manageable, **NO ISSUES and NO STRESS**
- Teachers emailed parents re 1-1 interviews (a couple per class). Took place following week.
- Continue to remind parents-welcome to see us, drop in etc



Parent Feedback

Hi Becky, Jane, Lynnne and Craig,

Just passing on thanks and some positive feedback for the new Student Led Conference + written mid year reporting format.

I think the SLC is a marked improvement on the old 3-way interviews. I found it to be a much more authentic way of communicating with my children, and in all three classrooms, the half hour was engaging and informative. The kids all enjoyed themselves, and the combination of the written report plus our combined ruminations on the SLC itself certainly sparked much more animated conversation at our family dinner table last night than previous years 3 way interviews did :)

So, for me, this year, the combination of your open doors for the odd specific question/conversation, plus the new mid year reporting is making for the best year yet at Kapanui of 'knowing where my children are at' and also knowing that you know where they're at!

Thanks all for your great work,

Sonia :)

Hi Craig,

Just thought I'd drop a wee note to say how impressed I was with the structure of reporting.

I really liked the opportunity to chat with Harrison about his work, and the time frame was great. The written report was just right too, given that I could see exactly how Harrison was doing in the classroom. He was very proud of himself.

Rochelle and Kerri were awesome to chat with as well, and were very approachable.

Kind regards,

Jenni Adams

What's on your mind.....?

Considerations-share thoughts/ideas...

- Preparation? Script/what to discuss/share at SLC? Sharing the report-when/how/who?
- Can children share and talk about their progress/learning journey etc?
- Room layout? Closeness of groups?
- Mood/noise/use of the tv?
- Your role-meet & greet, kids introduce their parents, when to touch base...?
- Prompts for parents?
- Interviews the following week-on the same day for all?