



Resource Teacher of Literacy

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My name is Nicky Collins and I am the Resource Teacher of Literacy for the Whanganui Cluster. I am based at Tawhero School in Whanganui.

Resource Teachers of Literacy (RTLit) are one of a number of supplementary support interventions in the schooling sector that are designed to provide specialised and targeted support, **supplementing effective classroom teaching**, for those students in years 1 to 8 who have literacy learning difficulties such that they are not on track to reach expected levels of achievement. Students referred to the RTLit service should be those with the highest literacy needs in the school/kura. However, selection for instruction by RTLit should prioritise those with the highest literacy needs in the cluster.

There are two types of instruction:

- Direct – where the RTLit provides to individuals and/or small groups of students.
- Indirect – where the RTLit supports the teacher to deliver appropriately designed learning opportunities within the classroom. The teacher, RTLit (and students) work together.

The criteria for the RT: Lit Service are:

- students well below national reading and writing expectation
- students 'referred on' from Reading Recovery (on a case-by-case basis)
- cluster priorities (data analysis from referrals received)
- Māori and Pasifika students - Ministry priority groups

Other students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Careful judgement will be used to strengthen the equity of access across all schools and in order to get the best for our tamariki with high literacy needs. Ideally, attendance should be at 80% or above.

A student meeting the above criteria may be referred to the RT: Lit service by completing a Google Form using this Link. [RTLit Referral Form](#)

Complete the Google Form and submit for each student being referred to the RT: Literacy service. Raw data is not expected as I will collect my own data if the referral is accepted, but please ensure all information is current. Please send to: rlitwhanganui@tawhero.school.nz

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to refer a group or need any further information.

Please save this referral [RTLit Referral Form](#) for easy access in the future.

Many thanks / Kia ora

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