



## Karoro School

77 Main South Road  
Greymouth 7805  
New Zealand

Telephone 03 768 5747  
Facsimile 03 768 7631  
office@karoro.school.nz  
principal@karoro.school.nz

1 August 2016

Ian Johnson  
Cluster Manager  
West Coast Tai Poutini RTLB Cluster  
139 Ward Street  
Cobden  
GREYMOUTH 7802

Dear Ian

Thank you for your service's support with the Learning Support Funding project that enabled us to implement the MiniLit programme for a second time.

We were keen to run this programme again because the students who engaged in it in 2014 made marked gains in their phonics learning as a result of the programme and we have clear evidence that this then translated into reading progress. We have continued to monitor this group. At the time of entry onto the MiniLit programme they were Year Two students who had not met the reading standard at their 40 weeks anniversaries. They are all now Year Four students and all met the standard in reading at the Year Four interim reporting cycle.

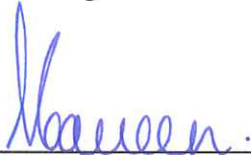
This year's group made the following gains:

1. (Female Year Two) Entry: beginning stage 4. Exit: pre-stage 5. Gained a whole stage of phonics. Gained two reading levels over the term. Was below the standard at 40 Weeks, on track to meet the standard at 60 weeks. Significant improvement in spelling for writing.
2. (Female Year Two) Entry: beginning stage 4. Exit: pre-stage 5. Gained a whole stage of phonics. Gained two reading levels over the term. Was just at the standard at 40 Weeks, well on track to meet the standard at 60 weeks. Significant improvement in spelling for writing.

3. (Female Year Two) Entry: beginning stage 4. Exit: pre-stage 5. Gained a whole stage of phonics. Gained three reading levels over the term. Was just at the standard at 40 Weeks, well on track to meet the standard at 60 weeks. Significant improvement in spelling for writing.
4. (Male Māori Year Three) Entry: beginning stage 4. Exit: pre-stage 5. Gained a whole stage of phonics. Gained four reading levels over the term. Was below the standard at 80 Weeks, met the standard at 100 weeks.

I hope this data is useful to you as you evaluate and rationalise funding decisions. Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards



---

Maureen Truman  
Principal

c.c. Barbara Maynihan.