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Dear Colleagues

The Education Review (ERO) is offering workshops for school principals and their senior leadership teams throughout the country on self review. The aim of the workshops is to give schools a better understanding of the link between external evaluation (what ERO does) and internal evaluation (schools' self review).

Dr Graham Stoop, the Chief Review Officer, says "ERO is committed to supporting schools to lift their own capacity for self review, and to encourage transparency by discussing the documents such as the Evaluation Indicators used by review officers."

He goes on to say "evaluation is a complementary process and the evaluation experience works better for both ERO and schools when we all understand this. And all of this is about increasing evaluation capacity in the sector."

The workshops are led by Carol Mutch, Senior Adviser to the Chief Review Officer, and the sessions can be two-hour, half-day or whole-day.

At a recent workshop in Whangarei Carol encouraged the participants to use the self review questions in the ERO national evaluation reports as starters to a diagnosis/judgement/action model of embedded self review in a school.

The relationship between effective strategic, regular and emergent (self review in relation to an unexpected event or issue) self review and the differentiated ERO reviews is explored and practical examples given of what effective self review looks like.

To find out more about the workshops go to ERO's website : <http://www.ero.govt.nz/ero/publishing.nsf/Content/self-review-wkshps-prins-aug09>. Feel free to contact ERO about workshops in your area (email: info@ero.govt.nz)

Enjoy some 'time out' during this holiday break.



Peter Gall
President

PS. The 2009 issue of the SPANZ Journal will be mailed to schools during the holiday break.