**Top Tips for being the best teacher/leader you can be: Tanya Thompson**

* **We are all learners**: Change the school culture by being aware that we are all learners. Be ready to admit where you are and ask for help. I am also a learner. How can you help me? Tell me what I’m doing wrong so that I can learn. Allow people to try new things and accept failures may/will occur. Surround yourself with positive people.
* **Teacher Voice**: Give teachers a chance to speak.
* Don’t swamp teachers with too much professional reading. Collegial discussions are really good. Visit other classrooms/schools.
* What do you want done to improve your ICT teaching? Collect data?
* We are all learners and we can teach each other so much.
* Share your findings with : other colleagues, students, parents , the wider community
* Teachers/leaders need to be supported when modifying their practice.
* Teachers are there for the **outcome** and not the **income**.
* In class we have groups……why not do it in the staff meetings. Have different groups working on different things at the same time. Rotate if necessary…..2 groups per session? **Weeks:** 1; 3; 6; 9 used as **professional dialogue** time. It can be done offsite if needed.

**Breakout 2**

**Collecting, Using and Storing Student Voice**

* Delete wikis at the end of each year
* Get pupil Texperts
* Peer support ½ hr a week ICT with snr and Jnr classes
* Compress photos
* Organise folders
* Check editing software
* Refer to help wikis
* **Websites**:
* Paint – juniors { Maths, reading, writing)
* Blabberize
* Photostory 3
* Scribd
* Jing
* Wallwisher
* Divshare (alternative video upload instead of Youtube)
* Rubistar
* Lulu.com
* The Toolbox wiki – <http://thetoolbox.wikispaces.com/>
* How2doit Wiki – <http://howtodoit.wikispaces.com/>

***Breakout 3***

***Sustainabilty***

* Ecompetencies.wikispaces.com
* Don’t just use one tool and then drop it. It needs to become come a weapon in the learning arsenal of the teacher and child.
* Distributed leadership
* Teacher expert facilitators
* How can we use ICT to improve our pupils learning in….?
* School ICT expo…….in term 4?
* All principals / management meet.
* Engage families and Whanau in ICT.
* Facebook page – Closed group
* ‘I’ve got something to say” – Gail Loane
* 8-9am PD – T.A looks after pupils
* Email feedback of work
* Wikis don’t work
* ***Websites:***
* Zooburst
* Build your Wild Self
* Fodey – newspaper article
* Draw a stickman
* Cluster
* I.L.T Conference
* No VLN
* ***Challenges:***
* Teachers
* Lead teachers move on.

***Breakout 4***

**Thinking : A Key Competency – Keeping it Real**

* Why teach thinking?
* It is the foundation for learning
* There is no learning without thought
* Do lots of different tools make you a good thinker?
* So…how do you teach ‘IT’?
* When we thinking, we are thinking inside of our heads.
* Intelligence is something we are born with; Thinking is a skill that has to be learned.
* When a mind is thinking, it is talking to itself.
* Hipkins, 2006,p60
* Golding,2006,p4
* **What are the behaviours of skilled thinker? :**
* Can substantiate personal opinions
* Can empathise with others
* Can understand both sides of an argument
* Can make connections
* Justify (because)
* Clarify
* What if………………?