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STUDENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: Students under 16 years - Primary

Title of Project: Evaluation of Manaiakalani

Researchers from the Woolf Fisher Research Centre at The University of Auckland are doing some research with schools involved in Manaiakalani, including your school. The research project is funded by the Manaiakalani Education Trust and The University of Auckland.

We want to find out whether your netbook has changed the way you feel about learning and whether it has helped you learn more in school.

We would like to invite you to be involved in this research. It will start in August 2012 and end in May 2015.

Your Principal has allowed us to collect your whole school's reading, writing and mathematics test information. We will use this information to check whether your netbook has helped you to learn more.

We would like to collect a small amount of information from you each year, over a period of three years.

Each year we would like to collect the following:

To find out how teachers are using the netbooks in class, we are asking four of the teachers at your school to be involved in a teacher observation lesson. If your teacher is selected, we will come to your classroom and watch your teacher teaching for up to one hour. After the lesson, we might like to invite you to have a short interview about how you use the netbooks in class. The interview will take between 5 and 10 minutes. You do not have to agree to be interviewed, and you don't have to answer every question if you are interviewed.

To find out about how you feel about your learning, we would like to invite you to complete a short questionnaire asking how you feel about the activity you have been doing. You do not have to answer any of the questions if you don't want to.

To find out how much time students use their netbooks outside of school hours, we would like your permission to access the time-stamp information on your netbook. We will only be collecting information about the time you spend using your netbook, and we will not collect any information about what sorts of things you have been using your netbook for.

To find out about your writing, we would like your permission to read your blogs.

To find out about how your netbook use has helped your learning, we would like your permission to match your netbook information (time stamp and blogs) to your test information.

If you agree to help us with our research, information about your learning will be tracked for each of the three years of the research, even if you change school to another school in Manaiakalani.

You don't have to be involved if you don't want to. Your school says that that your participation is voluntary and whether you do or don't participate doesn't affect anything else at school, including your involvement in Manaiaakalani and access to your netbook. You can choose not to participate at any time. You can also withdraw (take back) any information you have given us up until it has been used for research. This would be by the 1st of November in each year that the data has been collected.

All the information will be collected and stored safely at the Woolf Fisher Research Centre for a period of six years. After this we will destroy and delete it. All your information will be kept separately from your consent form. We will keep all the information confidential. No one will know who the information came from, and we won't tell anyone your name, or the name of your school.

We will give your school the results of the research which will help schools to teach even better than they do. We may also publish the results in articles, or present the results at hui or in education meetings.

If you want to take part in this project, please complete and sign the attached consent form and return it to the school office.

Thank you very much for your time and help. If you have any queries or wish to know more, you parents could phone or write to any of us at the address below:

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For any queries regarding ethical concerns please contact:

The Chair, The University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee, The University of Auckland, Research Office – Office of the Vice Chancellor, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142. Ph: (09) 373 7599 ext. 83711

Approved by The University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on 7 September 2012 for three years. Reference Number 8294.



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STUDENT ASSENT FORM
(For students under 16 years of age)

THIS FORM WILL BE HELD FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS

Title of Project: Evaluation of Manaiakalani

Researchers: Dr. Rebecca Jesson Senior Lecturer, Woolf Fisher Research Centre
Aaron Wilson Senior Researcher, Woolf Fisher Research Centre

I have read the Participant Information Sheet and I understand the research and why I have been selected. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and to have them answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that I may withdraw myself from this project at any time up until 31 May 2015, without having to give any reasons.

I understand that I may withdraw any information that I have provided at any time up until the 1st of November of each year that information has been provided, without having to give any reasons.

I understand my participation is voluntary and that my school has agreed that my participation or non-participation will not influence my relationship with the school or access to school services.

For each of the three years of the project:

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to participate in this research.

I understand that my teacher may be observed during a lesson.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) that, if selected, I will participate in a short interview with a researcher at the end of the lesson.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) that I will participate in a short questionnaire during class time.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to access the time-stamp information from my netbook.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to read my blogs.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to match my netbook data with my test data.

I understand that information about me will be confidentially collated and entered into a database by the researchers.

I understand that information about my learning will be tracked for each of the three years of the project.

I understand that, with the permission of the Principal, existing student achievement data will be collected from the school.

I understand that my confidentiality and privacy will be protected at all times, and that neither my name, nor the names of my teachers or the school will be identified in any publication or presentation that arises from the research.

I understand that the data will be stored securely at the Woolf Fisher Research Centre and will be destroyed after a period of six years.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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