

Federation Flyer 2015



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President's Message

Federation Flyer 15 – 28 May 2015



Tēnā koe

Are you tired of 'lean and mean'? Doesn't rhyme well with 'Rock Star Economy', does it? I'm guessing 'lean and mean' would best describe most schools' budgets in recent years, but we are forever optimists! We continue to hope that future Governments will have the insight to recognise the stellar returns that sound educational investment can yield.

I am sad to report that that moment of enlightenment is not yet upon us. The Education 'goodies bucket' from last week's Budget announcement is about as dry as a Canterbury drought. Don't expect to change the 'lean and mean' regime any time soon.

It has become common political practice to pre-announce Budget items and this year there were a few for Education. Most, such as 'new' money for building new schools or expanding existing schools, were shouted down by the media as 'business as usual', which, arguably, they were. There is nothing especially innovative, creative or even generous about funding new schools for population growth (Auckland's population alone is growing by 30,000 per annum).

Another pre-announcement was additional funds for 'in-class' support (teacher aides) and an increase in the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) to fund 500 more high needs students. It has been estimated that three percent of our students have high needs, and currently one percent is funded by ORS. By my calculations that leaves a lot of high needs students still unfunded.

With all schools under pressure to be 'inclusive', funding 'in-class' support through additional teacher aides is a necessity. The Budget's gesture is welcome but will not release schools from continuing to use their operations grant to fund further teacher aide hours so that more children with learning challenges can have the support they rightly deserve.

The announcement prompting the widest yawn from school principals was the one percent increase in the operations grant. Most principals would argue that doesn't even come close to meeting the additional administration costs of Novopay! As funding stands still, the expectations of our parents and communities continue to grow. We cannot hope to deliver on these expectations unless communities take it upon themselves to pressure Government to make education a priority investment for our country's future.

On other Budget announcements, we commend the decision to better support our most vulnerable families by increasing the incomes of beneficiaries. We have been highlighting the effects of poverty on children's ability to learn for many years and hope that the increase in the benefit level will have at least a small positive impact on children living in poverty. We also note that while the Government has set higher targets for Early Childhood Education (ECE) attendance, evidence shows that it is high quality teaching that makes a difference to children's readiness for learning. It is hoped that the importance of quality teaching is not over-shadowed by the drive to meet quantitative targets.

Professional Learning Development (PLD)

We await the outcome of the PLD review and trust that principal support and leadership development will be high on the priority list. There is much evidence to show that well supported leadership leads to greater teacher cooperation and engagement and ultimately can have a significant influence on achievement.

Future NZPF Conferences

My thanks again to all members who have taken the time to give us feed-back on the organisation of future NZPF conferences. Consistent with your feed-back, the May national executive meeting resolved to centralise the organisation of conferences and shape a new set of procedures accordingly. Below are some of the decisions made:

- There will be a trial period of two years
- Conferences will be held in the four locations of Queenstown, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland on a rotational basis
- An events company will be hired to run the conference alongside the organising committee

- The organising committee will comprise the NZPF finance convener and business partners' convener, an NZPF executive member representing the region in which the conference is to be held, and representatives from the regional association, Te Akatea and the events company. The committee will have the power to co-opt as necessary
- Any surplus from future NZPF conferences will be channeled into NZPF members' Professional Learning Development that is consistent with NZPF goals click [here](#)
- Fifty percent of any surplus will be allocated to support members to attend national conferences, including the rural principals' conference. The first \$10,000 of any conference surplus will be directed into the Don Le Prou fund, to support rural colleagues to attend national conference
- Any remaining surplus will be distributed as grants to constituted associations for professional learning and development projects

Noho ora mai ra



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UPCOMING DATES

29-30 June	Executive Meeting, Wellington
30 June – 3 July	NZPF Conference, Wellington
2 July	Annual General Meeting, Wellington
5 August	Nominations for Executive close

NZPF CONFERENCE 2015



NZ PRINCIPALS' FEDERATION
CONFERENCE 2015

If you haven't already [registered](#) for the NZPF conference 2015 do so now.

The [programme](#) for this conference is not to be missed and includes speakers who are currently ranked in the top five in the world.

NOMINATIONS FOR NZPF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



The deadline for receipt of nominations for the NZPF National Executive is 4.00 pm 5 August. This year, as a result of Constitutional changes agreed at the 2014 AGM, the positions of President and Vice President will be elected for a one-year term and 12 executive positions will be elected for a two-year term.

The nominee is required to supply a 200 word (max) supporting profile statement and a photograph may also be included. A passport type photo in a jpg format is recommended. Please also include a return email address in case clarification is needed. Only financial members may nominate and/or be nominated and you will need your NZPF membership number. For a nomination form click [here](#)

Nominations are called for:

- President (one-year term)
- Vice President (one-year term)
- 12 Executive members (two-year term)

The 2015 ballot will proceed by electronic voting. The timeline is:

- **5 August** Nominations for Executive close
- **25 August** Electoral roll closes 16:00
- **1 September** Electronic voting process underway
- **24 September** Results declared by or on this date

Please note that to participate in the NZPF national executive election process you must be a financial member. If you recently received a subscription reminder please ensure that this is paid before the roll closes on **25 August**.

Julie Hepburn – NZPF Secretary

TE AKATEA - NZ MĀORI PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS



Te Akatea represents Māori Principals, AP's/DP's, HOD's and Senior Teachers in the NZ education system. The purpose of Te Akatea is to give a collective voice on Māori education from Māori educators. Te Akatea works closely with NZPF and other education groups to support the education of all Māori students. Our members are from Kura Kaupapa Māori, Kura-a-Iwi, Rumaki Reo and English speaking Primary and Secondary schools.

Elections for the nine positions on the Te Akatea Executive are to be held between 23 August and 1 September 2015.

Eligibility requirements and the online registration form are on our website www.teakatea.co.nz.

For further information contact Myles Ferris - (09) 437 0623 or email principal@otangarei.school.nz

EQUIPMENT FOR NEPAL/ VANUATU

Shane Downs Principal at Kaponga School has school chairs he wishes to ensure go to a good home and is wondering if anyone knows of an organisation that is shipping equipment to schools in Nepal or Vanuatu or any other needy causes. If you know anyone that is interested please contact Shane at principal@kaponga.school.nz

NZPF SERVICE AWARDS – RETIRING PRINCIPALS



To mark the retirement of school principals, NZPF has developed a special Service Award. If your local principals' association is aware of any retiring principals in your region then have your President [email](#) with the principal's name(s). We will prepare a Service Award which will be emailed to your President for framing and presenting at your local principals' association function

NEW ZEALAND'S EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS DESERVE A DAY MADE BETTER

schoolsupplies @ OfficeMax Nominations are now open for the 2015 OfficeMax's **A Day Made Better** programme: a national search for New Zealand's most exceptional primary and intermediate school teachers. Fifteen winners will be selected from nominations by their peers and presented with \$1000 worth of OfficeMax arts and crafts, stationery and office supplies for their classroom. Nominations close on 25 September 2015, and recipients will be thanked with a surprise celebration in November. Winners will be selected by an esteemed judging panel which again includes members from the New Zealand Principals' Federation.

Principals, teachers and school administrators can nominate primary or intermediate school teachers through the [website](#)

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

One of the undertakings the NZPF gives its business partners is that **at the very least, they are given the opportunity by members to quote for a product, service or solution. PLEASE support our business partners as their assistance is very important to NZPF and to you as members.**

Gold



Silver



Bronze



Interested in becoming an NZPF Business Partner?

We welcome enquiries from businesses that are interested in engaging with schools. If you would like to know how a partnership with NZPF can add value to your business, while supporting New Zealand education, please email [Gavin Beere](#) (NZPF's Business Partner Convenor), for an information package and further details about NZPF.

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