

Federation Flyer 2015



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President's Message

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Tēnā koe

This week a report came out on national standards results for Maths. It showed that a sample of 39 school teachers' Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs) for Maths were considerably different from the OTJs that emerged by applying an on-line tool called the Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT). PaCT has been under development for some years and is intended to make national standards results more reliable.

Our argument is that you cannot apply a tool to make national standards more reliable because the inherent flaws in national standards have never been resolved in the first place. Thus NZPF continues to hold the view that was agreed at the 2013 AGM that we will not support spending further money on the development of PaCT.

What international experts (some of whom are [presenting](#) at the 2015 NZPF conference) in both education and the global economy are saying is that the enlightened world is no longer interested in students' standardised assessments in reading, writing and maths, a notion that belongs to the industrial era. They recognise that the OECD's obsession with standardised measures such as the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), which produces country-level league tables, has fuelled this movement. They also recognise that it has led to world-wide narrowing of the curriculum. Although New Zealand is a late comer to the movement, we can already see that our world-class New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) is being affected. Principals across the country understand that schools are preparing children for a twenty-first century workforce where the skills of creative thinking, questioning, critical analysis, problem solving, team work and entrepreneurship will be the most valued. These are not skills that can be evaluated by standardised measures.

In his latest book 'Creative Schools – Revolutionising Education from the Ground Up', world expert, Ken Robinson, calls for an end to what he describes as the outmoded industrial education system, dominated by standardised assessment. He proposes instead an organic, engaging approach that draws on both technological and professional resources so that children can learn to face twenty-first century challenges and become responsible global citizens. He calls for a revolution from within. With the NZC and working 'from the ground up' to empower children to take charge of their own learning, we too can accomplish these aspirational goals for our children. Many of you already are!

EDUCANZ

This week the members of the governing board for EDUCANZ were announced. In our submission on this legislation NZPF firmly objected to the undemocratic process chosen for selection. Although many hundreds of submissions made similar objections, the process remained unchanged in the final legislation.

The members that the Minister has now selected for appointment have a challenging job ahead if they are to embrace the aspirations of the profession and allow them to feel ownership of their Council. They too will need to take the lead from experts like Ken Robinson and recognise that revolution of the system is required if teachers are to prepare children to meet twenty-first century aspirations.

Congratulating the honoured

Our warmest congratulations to all of our colleagues who were named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List this week.

Health & Safety

You will have noted that the controversial Health and Safety legislation has recently been sent back to select committee for more work. We were hoping by now to have greater clarity on the role of 'worker' and how it pertains to principals. We will continue to seek clarity on this issue through the Ministry but it is now likely to take longer than we had hoped.

Bullying Prevention and Sex Education

Two new documents will be landing on your desk shortly. Both are important. The first is an 'Update on Bullying Prevention and Response' and can be found [here](#) and the second is 'A Guide for schools and Sexuality Education: Revised Guide' which you can find [here](#).

Inclusive Education

I recommend to you a very useful set of resources to support inclusive education which you can find [here](#). This resource has an extensive array of tools to support the bullying prevention document, referred to above, but also provides resources on many other topics such as dyslexia.

National Calendar

This week we posted the [National Calendar](#) on our website (click on the calendar image on the right). Thanks to all the associations who responded with your events so that you can all check out what is coming up and try to avoid clashes with each other's events. Please [email](#) me with your 2016 dates so that we can also post them on the calendar.

Supporting Our Colleagues

Our thoughts go out to both the Taradale and Northcote school communities who have experienced tragic events this week. The principals of both schools are working hard to support their students, staff and parents. Kia Kaha.

These tragedies remind us of the importance of having robust crisis plans whilst at the same time having the resilience to absorb what can so often be completely unforeseen events. It is important that we look out for each other when such tragedies occur not just initially but in the days and weeks that follow. Where such events escalate to involve the media, remember NZPF can support you with website resources or you can contact our office directly on 04 471 2338.

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

SMS FUNDED TRAINING OFFER TO SCHOOLS

The Ministry is able to offer a one-off SMS training opportunity to a limited number of schools with urgent need. The **8 June** issue of the Ministry Bulletin for SCHOOL LEADERS will inform schools of the training availability and how to apply. Because the timeline is short for schools to respond to the funded training offer, we are also making the relevant document available now, to groups including:

- Regional Ministry offices
- SMS vendors
- Connected Learning Advisory

- Loomio SMS Forum
- NZPF, SPANZ, PPTA/Principals' Council for their information and/or action.

It is difficult for us to predict the response to this offer. If you feel your own school has an urgent need of SMS training, then please complete and return the application form. Please note the deadline for applications is **Friday, 12 June 2015**. (Please phone 04 463 7629 if you have questions)

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](mailto:principal@otangarei.school.nz) 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

NOTICE FROM SCHOLASTIC – PRIME MATHEMATICS



You will recently have received a letter from New Zealand education specialist Lester Flockton, about his evaluation of the Prime Mathematics programme.

Prime is an alternative solution to maths teaching, and Lester has undertaken an independent assessment of the response to Prime New Zealand, based on the experience of local trial schools.

To request a copy of Lester's review or find out more about how Prime can make a measurable difference in your students' maths confidence and achievement please contact your local Scholastic Territory Manager, email enquiries@scholastic.co.nz or phone 0800-724-652.

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](mailto:Gavin.Beere@nzpf.ac.nz) (NZPF's Business Partner Convenor), for an information package and further details about NZPF.

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