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President's Message

Principal Matters 2 – 18 February 2016



Tēnā koe

We say it over and over. The reason we are in the teaching profession is to equip our kids with the best education we can give them so they can have productive and happy lives. When kids start to connect with their school and their teachers it pleases us. One of the great pleasures is seeing kids return to school after the long summer break. I really missed that this year, greeting those smiling, enthusiastic faces full of high expectations for the coming year. Instead, here in Wellington, I was filling a diary with meetings. Thinking about kids returning to school did however keep me focussed. I thought about the issues that were dogging staff and colleagues before I was elected NZPF president. Principal workloads, principal advice and support, networking, the resourcing review and what will happen to our operations grants in the future, special education, support staff, specialist staff and how to access the help we need, professional development and what that will look like in the future, alleviating poverty and resolving housing issues for families, reducing class sizes, Ministry compliance issues and government policies and let's not forget the lost NZC! So many things to think about and the people in Wellington chairing all these meetings, will be hearing all about them!

The last *Principal Matters* newsletter reported that a survey has gone out to all regional presidents of local associations. Thanks so much to everyone who gave us feedback. With over half of your completed surveys in, a pattern is emerging. It is principal wellbeing, workloads, support and special education that top your list of concerns. We will progress these issues, gathering all the best research evidence we can muster, so we can articulate our case strongly and intelligently on your behalf knowing we have your confidence. You will get regular updates through this publication on the progress we make.

In our next issue of *Principal Matters* we will have a link to our first *Rural Matters* of the term, so look out for that. Although this publication has a target audience of rural principals and smaller schools, you will sometimes find information which is useful to everyone.

To all of our colleagues in Christchurch we are thinking of you as you cope with the frayed nerves following the latest weekend quake. Look after each other and do not hold back from seeking and accepting collegial support if you need it.

Noho ora mai ra

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UPCOMING DATES

17 - 18 February	Executive meeting, Wellington
2 March	NZPF Membership Awards applications close
7 March	Papers for Annual General Meeting close
17 March	NZPF Moot for all presidents of regional principals' associations, Wellington
16 & 18 March	Executive Meeting, Wellington
31 March	Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference early bird registrations close

NZPF MOOT – THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2016 – JAMES COOK HOTEL GRAND CHANGELLOR, WELLINGTON

This is the day where NZPF invites the president of your local principals' association to Wellington to debate 'The Purpose of Education in New Zealand Today'. The registration table will be open at 8.30 am and the formal programme runs from 9.00 am 3.10 pm, concluding with a social hour until 4 pm. If you are the president of your local association mark this date in your diary and more importantly, book your airfares and accommodation especially if you intend to stay over. Formal invitations and programme have already been sent.

NZPF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

At its January meeting the NZPF Executive committee elected the following officers:

National Secretary: Julie Hepburn

Finance Convener: Karen Brisco

NZPF FAX LINE

Please remind your Office Manager that the NZPF fax line has been discontinued. If you are ordering any [NZPF forms](#) or applying for NZPF grants or awards in the future please [email](#) the national office.

NZPF AWARDS

It is now time to be thinking about who you wish to nominate for NZPF life membership, associate membership or service with distinction awards. Nominations close on **2 March 2016**.

Please refer to the [awards](#) section on the NZPF website or click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) for a nomination form

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- a very affordable fee

We welcome your queries for your school. A detailed prospectus is available on the REACH website, www.giftedreach.org.nz, or email reacheducation@xtra.co.nz. Please note: **Enrolments for 2016 close 6 March**.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS

From time to time your local association will be holding a conference or event. If you would like the NZPF President to attend and update you on the NZPF work, do not hesitate to [email Iain](#) and he will come and speak to your group.

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TRANS-TASMAN PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE 31 MAY – 3 JUNE 2016 SKY CITY AUCKLAND



Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference 2016
31 MAY - 3 JUNE 2016, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

This year's NZPF conference will be hosted jointly by our Australian colleagues (APPA) and NZPF. It is a special event, held every four years, and provides an opportunity to showcase New Zealand education in 2016. It will follow theme strands aligned with the values of the NZ Curriculum.

The theme of 'Knowledge in Our Hands' will bring together practitioner and expert stories from around New Zealand, Australia and the world. [Early Bird Registration](#) closes on **31 March 2016**.

For full details of the conference programme, speakers and registration, go to www.transtasmanconference.co.nz

NZPF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Auckland on 2 June 2016. Section 16.9 of the constitution requires that any member wishing to give notice of any motion for consideration at the AGM must forward written notice of the motion to the National Secretary not less than 60 clear days before

the date of the meeting.

If you do have a motion to put to the AGM, now is the time to send it in.

SOLE CHARGE AND RURAL PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

The 2016 conference for sole charge and rural principals will be held 18 – 20 May at the Function Centre Havelock North. Principals who have previously attended the sole charge conference repeatedly tell us how valuable they found the experience. It is one of a kind and specially tailored to providing excellent advice for the lone principal who has to do everything by themselves and the rural teaching principals who similarly have very high demands.

To register and access the programme, click [here](#). For further information or if you have any other questions about the conference, contact [Janine Remnant](#)

NATIONAL LIBRARY – UPDATE ON THE LENDING SERVICE



SERVICES TO SCHOOLS
 TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Our new national lending service is up and running. Schools now place loan requests for the whole school through a loan coordinator or coordinators (maximum of two) who register their school with us.

For more information on how the new lending service works visit www.schools.natlib.govt.nz or phone 0800 LIB LINE (0800 542 5463)

SCHOLASTIC – PR1ME MATHEMATICS ROADSHOW 2016



Free PR1ME MATHEMATICS ROADSHOW - Auckland Venues

You're invited to be part of the solution - come and hear what NZ teachers are getting excited about!

16 March	SOUTH	Papatoetoe Central School	1.30 - 3.30 pm
17 March	WEST	Summerlands School	1.30 - 3.30 pm
22 March	NORTH	Wairau Intermediate	1.30 - 3.30 pm
23 March	EAST	Ormiston Primary School	1.30 - 3.30 pm

Afternoon tea will be served – Be in quick – Don't Miss Out

RSVP – anoy@scholastic.co.nz

Please state name of school, event you wish to attend and number attending. Multiple attendances welcome from your school.

Dates for the rest of New Zealand to follow early in Term 2

BUSINESS PARTNERS

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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