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Federation Flyer 25 – 25 September 2015



Tēnā koe

As term three draws to a close I hope you can all look back and feel satisfied with what you and your school have achieved so far this year. Take some time during the holidays to reflect and recharge. That will help you get positively focussed for the final term. Most importantly, give yourself a proper rest. Have some fun with your friends and whānau...perhaps even without technology!

NZPF Elections

Congratulations to all successful candidates who were voted onto the national executive for 2016 and to Whetu Cormick who will take up the Vice Presidency. A very warm welcome to our new members, and to those re-elected for another term, welcome back!

You have already been sent the full election results but in case you have mislaid that special Flyer, [here](#) they are again. NZPF has some exciting work ahead of it for 2016 and it's great to know we have such a multi-skilled team to carry it out!

PLD

Yesterday the Minister announced changes to PLD having taken advice from the PLD Advisory Group which was set up in 2013. Excerpts from her announcement include the following statements.

"The changes will be phased in over the next three years. They will focus professional development on a small number of national priorities in the areas of mathematics, science, reading and writing, digital fluency, and a pilot in health and PE. These priorities are based on student data providing evidence of where the biggest challenges are.

We're also considering transitioning PLD to the Education Council, the new professional body for the teaching profession whose job it is to set standards and raise the status of the profession," says Ms Parata. "PLD is closely aligned to this role. A decision will be made by June 2017." (National Party Website)

Implications for the profession:

1. The profession will have a say in what type of PLD is provided
2. We will be invited to contribute to decisions about the providers of PLD
3. There will be strengthening of professional led support for NZC
4. NZPF supports the intention to grow leadership capacity across the system and is currently involved in principal support and Māori Achievement Collaborations. We are thus well-placed to take a lead role in this area
5. The sector will design a pilot for health professional development in 2016 for implementation in 2017
6. For continuity, PLD contracts for 2016 have been rolled over. If you haven't already been contacted by the Ministry yet, expect a call in week one term four 2015
7. Northland and Gisborne/East Coast will have priority access to PLD, as they are two regions with a history of poor achievement
8. There will be opportunities for professionals, both internal (within schools and CoLs) and external, to provide PLD

Here, you can [read](#) the advisory to the Minister and check out [further detail](#) on the Minister's announcement.

In a recent Ministry bulletin (PitoPito Korero) it was implied that only Communities of Learning (CoLs) would be prioritized for PLD support.

NZPF challenged this statement based on the belief that student needs should drive PLD decisions not whether schools are members of CoLs.

The Deputy Secretary for Education, Dr Graham Stoop assured us that CoLs will get PLD for their achievement challenges and so will schools with significant achievement challenges, especially if they involve Māori and Pasifika students.

Celebrating great teaching

Our sincere congratulations to Richard Smith of Wadestown School, Wellington who has recently been recognised in a nation-wide competition as New Zealand's most inspiring primary school teacher. It's very satisfying to see teachers' talent and commitment publicly acknowledged. We know that there are thousands more teachers in schools across the country providing high quality teaching to children every day, giving Kiwi kids the opportunities and encouragement to succeed in their learning and in their lives. We acknowledge them too.

End of Year/ Start of Year Timeline

On 21 September, you will have been sent a special Novopay Newsletter regarding the End of Year / Start of Year 2015/16 processes. If you missed it, you can access it [here](#)

Noho ora mai ra

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UPCOMING DATES

16 - 17 October Executive meeting, Wellington

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



Many of you have commented on the outstanding programme the Wellington NZPF conference provided, especially the theming of topics into different education lenses. Its time now to start thinking about the next NZPF conference which will be hosted jointly by our Australian colleagues (APPA) and NZPF. It too promises to present an outstanding and relevant programme.

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

The theme of 'Knowledge in Our Hands' will bring together practitioner and expert stories from around New Zealand, Australia and the world. This special event, held every four years, is an opportunity to showcase New Zealand education in 2016 and will follow theme strands aligned with the values of the NZ Curriculum. [Early Bird Registrations](#) are open now. For full details of the conference programme, speakers and registration, go to www.transtasmanconference.co.nz

NZPF RURAL GRANTS



NZPF annually awards rural grants of \$1000 to rural principals' groups, to assist them to hold their own conference or seminars. Applications close on **1 November**. For further information and an **application form** click [here](#). Applications need to be made now to fund your conference in 2016.

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.

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



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