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Federation Flyer 28 – 12 November 2015



Tēnā koe

This week has been a satisfying and very busy one at national office. So many of the projects that we have been working hard on to enhance leadership in our profession, are now showing results. Take, for example, the Māori Achievement Collaborations (MACs), designed to lift the achievement of Māori students by changing the culture in schools from mono-cultural to bi-cultural. After a long period of deep thinking, hard graft and outstanding work by the inaugural MACs' facilitators, NZPF, in partnership with Te Akatea and the Ministry, are ready to expand. With a full time national co-ordinator now appointed, our dream has transformed into reality.

Below are several sections covering leading issues for this week.

### The Education Act Review

In our [Special Flyer](#) sent to you on Monday, you will find links to some useful documents, including the [public discussion document](#). These will help you and your teams to form a view on some of the suggested changes to the Education Act. We have also included our initial thoughts on ten major points in the document to help your thinking. The national executive will be meeting 20 - 21 November when they will shape a submission and we will get that out to you through another special flyer before the end of November. The submission due date is 14 December 2015. If the changes proposed are adopted, they will profoundly alter the educational landscape. I encourage all of you to discuss the issues as widely as possible and email your own submission to [education.update@education.govt.nz](mailto:education.update@education.govt.nz).

Make use of any of the sections in the NZPF submission to help you. The collective contents of the submissions will help shape the Education Amendment Bill which will go to Parliament in 2016.

### MAC Co-ordinator

Both NZPF and Te Akatea, the Māori Principals' Association, congratulate Hoana Pearson, principal of Newton School, for accepting the new National Co-ordinator position for the MACs. We feel honoured to have such a highly regarded and talented principal leading the MACs into the future. Hoana has been involved in the MACs from the beginning and has the passion and the energy to see the project grow and succeed. Collectively we take great pride in this initiative which was developed by principals, for principals and is led by principals. The MAC board meets in two weeks time, after which we will share with you the process for establishing a MAC in your area.

### Principal Leadership Advisers (PLAs)

We are delighted that the Minister has approved funding for two more PLAs for 2016. The first two PLAs were appointed in the Northland area earlier this year. The next PLAs will each be .5 of a position and will be appointed to areas with the greatest need of principal support and advice, according to available evidence. One will be appointed to Southland and one to the Gisborne/East Coast area.

NZPF is currently lobbying for a nation-wide system of leadership support and advice for all principals and has examined such a system operating in New South Wales. In the past week we have met with the Ministry, PLD staff, The Secretary for Education and the Minister and feel optimistic that this is another project through which we will be making gains for principals in the not too distant future.

### EOY Staffing

This is due 5pm on Tuesday 17 November. Fill in what you can (and save) even if you have other appointments to make or confirm. Get what you can to Novopay by the due date.

## Trans-Tasman Conference

NZPF invites you to take advantage of the [Early Bird Registration](#) and secure your seat for the APPA/NZPF Trans-Tasman Conference in Auckland 31 May - 3 June 2016. You also have the option of splitting the costs of registration over two years by paying half this year and half next year. Many principals have already taken advantage of this choice. We are expecting a large Australian contingent to fly across for the conference next year so if you want to secure accommodation close by, then it would pay to book now.

The conference committee has produced an exciting programme of stimulating speakers and a social programme that includes plenty of opportunities to mix with colleagues. See the notice below for more information.

## Rural Matters

This week we publish the [second issue of 'Rural Matters'](#), which is a publication focussing on news, views and issues for rural principals. If you are a rural principal and wish to contribute to this publication please contact [Karen Brisco](#), our national executive member responsible for collating the contents of the publication.

Have a great week.

Noho ora mai ra



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## UPCOMING DATES

19 November	Don Le Prou Award applications close
20 - 21 November	Executive meeting, Wellington

## DON LE PROU AWARD



In honour of the late Don Le Prou, a founder of NZPF and former principal of Frankton School in Hamilton, the Don Le Prou study grants assist NZPF members from U1-3 schools every year to undertake professional development. Each grant is worth \$1000 towards your PD.

Click [here](#) for an application form – **closing date 19 November**

## 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.

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](http://www.transtasmanconference.co.nz)

## NETSAFE – SAFER INTERNET DAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016



The NZPF supports Netsafe, an independent non-profit organisation, which supports safe and responsible use of digital technology in schools. It offers excellent advice on cyber bullying prevention, privacy and copyright issues. You can visit the [Netsafe website](#) for more information.

Netsafe is promoting safer internet use by hosting a 'Safer Internet Day' on **9 February 2016**. We urge you to diary this date and participate in the promoting of safer internet use in your school.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF NZPTA



The NZPTA would like to thank the many principals who responded to our recent survey on the position of PTAs in their schools.

We are aware of the very full programme you all have and so are grateful for the time that you spent answering our questions so that we are better able to help you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like further information on how we can support your parents or if there is any point that you wish to discuss.

Our conference is to be held in Auckland in **May 13 – 15** next year and we hope you will encourage your parents to attend to obtain ideas, knowledge, be enthused and network. In this way, they are spending the money on the children.

Diane O’Sullivan, President, NZPTA

## 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.

## PB4L WEBSITE RESOURCES

I draw your attention to the excellent resources available on the [PB4L website](#). Whether you subscribe to the PB4L programme or not, you are likely to find these resources helpful in managing behaviour in your school.

## NZPF BUSINESS PARTNER SKIDS LAUNCHES NUTRITION PROGRAMME



SKIDS is proud to announce the launch of an after school cooking programme entitled **Food Storm** which will start in term one 2016.

The programme is in response to the child obesity issues we currently face and is prompted by research indicating that learning to cook when you are young is more likely to lead to healthy food choices later in life.

[Click here](#) to read more about the programme

## 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](#) (NZPF’s Business Partner Convenor), for an information package and further details about NZPF.

For a map showing the location of the National Office in Wellington [click here](#)

To update membership details [click here](#)

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