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President's Message



Tōtika - Balance

Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki

With a peaceful mind and respectful heart,
we will always get the best results

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to the start of Term Two. I hope you all managed to include some down time for yourselves over the holiday break and feel refreshed to start the new term. One of the unintended benefits of the discussions surrounding the *Tomorrow's Schools Review*, has been the acknowledgement that, as a profession, you have a highly stressful job. To avoid burnout, means reducing stress levels.

Discussing the Review has drawn out those aspects of the current system that are creating the most stress and without doubt it is the failings of special education and learning support that bring you and your teachers the most stress. Compliance issues are also in the mix because they consume so much of your precious time. Lack of support for you as leaders is another issue and why you wholeheartedly support having

access to the services of a business unit and a curriculum support unit and why you support more advisory services. The [NZPF submission](#) reflects these issues on your behalf.

Teaching Council Podcasts

The Teaching Council has been producing podcasts as a means of communicating with clarity in a way that is convenient. One issue that has recently been captured in a podcast is Teacher Appraisal. The podcast makes it clear that appraisal is about driving best practice which helps both learners and teachers. Those who have viewed the podcast have found it very helpful and you might like to share the link with your teachers.

[This page](#) on the Teaching Council website has the podcast (as well as the other 6 episodes from last season).

A transcript of the podcast is also available [here](#).

Launch of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori

Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is a Government initiative led by the Ministry of Education that aims to grow and strengthen an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Investing in Te Ahu o te Reo Māori, as a new and innovative kaupapa, provides opportunities for the education workforce to enhance interactions and relationships with ākonga, parents and whānau. It also enables te reo Māori and mātauranga Māori to be more deliberately acknowledged and reflected through our education system.

Te Ahu o te Reo Māori aims to strengthen all levels of te reo Māori proficiency, from beginner level to fluent speakers and will be piloted by local mātanga in Taranaki-Whanganui, Waikato, Kāpiti-Horowhenua and Te Waipounamu

Each region will apply their own method of delivery to strengthen the use of their local dialect, learn about local history and traditions and help to build meaningful relationships with iwi and all education environments. This is a step towards normalising te reo Māori across the education system.

If you have questions or would like to find out more, please visit the [website](#) or contact the Te Reo Māori Group at tereo.maorigroup@education.govt.nz.

PLD

Have your say on a proposed change of national priorities for locally-allocated PLD. Current priorities focus on specific learning areas; members of the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement Reference Group have worked with the Ministry to develop priorities that focus on the foundations of good teaching practice.

The [online survey for English medium](#) closes 10 May, take part today.

The [online survey for Māori medium](#) closes 10 May, take part today.

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Notices



Renaissance not Reformation

Kotahi te tapuwae, he mano, he mano, he mano kei muri

NZPF Conference Early Bird Deadline Extended!

Registration for the 2019 NZPF Conference is now open. The conference will be held in Auckland, 3 - 5 July. **Register before the early bird deadline of 10 May** to save up to \$100 on your registration. Visit the [website](#) to register now.

You can also view the Conference invitation [video](#) for more information.

See you in Auckland, in July.

NZPF AGM 2019 - Call for Motions for Consideration

The NZPF AGM will take place on Thursday 4 July in Auckland. Please note that the deadline for submitting written notice of motions for consideration at the AGM is **Friday 3 May**.

David Stewart Memorial Scholarship



Memorial Scholarship

The David Stewart Memorial Scholarship a joint initiative of the NZEI and NZPF. The purpose of the Scholarship is to provid

e educational leaders with the opportunity for research study that honours the work of Dr David Stewart. The scholarship of \$20,000 will be awarded to a single applicant each year.

The closing date is **Friday 31 May 2019**. For more information, click [here](#).

Bullying-Free Week 2019 Competitions



Help mark [Bullying-Free NZ Week](#) (13-17 May), share your contributions to bullying prevention, and be in to win \$500 worth of resources for your school.

Students can enter this year's competition to write, make or compose something to highlight the Bullying-Free NZ Week theme *Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!*. Plus, the search is on for bullying prevention superstars – nominate a student, staff member or group responsible for outstanding work to prevent bullying at your school.

Closing date for competition entries is **Friday, 31 May 2019**. Entry is FREE.

For full details about [competitions](#) and a range of bullying prevention guidance and resources, go to the [Bullying-Free NZ website](#).