



PRINCIPAL MATTERS

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President's Message



Mahi Ngātahi - Collaboration

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

Kia ora e te whānau

Both pre and post the Budget NZPF has been experiencing increased media attention and extra demands with meeting commitments. That is understandable because these events create such high expectations. Before I share with you some of the updates post Budget, I will draw your attention to a notice below. It is about forced marriages here in Aotearoa New Zealand. Forced marriage is a violation of human rights. The Shakti Youth organisation was formed to advocate for young people whose families were forcing under-age marriage on them and have managed to politically influence a parliamentary bill to ensure those aged 16 and 17 must now be independently assessed by a family court judge. The notice includes a link to further information which you may wish to disseminate in your schools.

Payment in lieu of school donations

Last week I outlined for you the major Budget announcements that will affect schools. The announcement resonating the most is the \$150 payment per student to all decile 1 – 7 schools, whose Boards of Trustees agree not to ask parents and caregivers to pay donations.

My thanks to all of you who took the time to write to me and I apologise if I have not replied to you personally. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of your messages to me. Mostly, your messages were encouraging and positive and some of you noted your gratitude that NZPF has continued to keep this election promise in front of the Minister.

Not everyone was happy though. Several of you, leading decile 8 – 10 schools, felt short-changed that you were excluded from the offer. I intend to take your concerns directly to the Minister and will report back to you through this *Principal Matters* newsletter.

The initiative will see schools receive the additional funding in January 2020, alongside the regular operational funding.

Boards of Trustees will need to opt-in to the scheme by 14 November 2019. More information will be provided in July, about the process and about the scheme.

Learning Support Coordinators (LSCs)

Some of you are reporting that you are confused about the 600 LSCs, how they will be found and how they will be funded.

I have consulted with both Minister Martin and the Secretary for Education, Iona Holsted and can tell you that they will not be appointed before 2020 and they will not be in every school. All schools will eventually receive staffing for these positions.

The LSC is not intended to replace Special Education Needs Coordinators (SENCOs). LSCs will be school-based, working with teachers in the school or kura. Their role is to support the school or kura to build capability and knowledge in teachers.

They will lead and coordinate support for students. The intention is that they will simplify the system, making it easier for families and whānau to access services.

At this stage the final role description is still under development and consultation is underway on the nature and responsibilities of the role, for both urban and rural settings.

Connecting with the Regions

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Secondary Principals' Association NZ (SPANZ) conference in Wellington and the NZ Education Institute (NZEI) Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference in Nelson. My thanks to the SPANZ Executive and the NZEI organising committee for inviting me to participate in these events and for hosting me.

Until next week,

Ngā manaakitanga

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Notices



Renaissance not Reformation

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

NZPF Conference - 3-5 July 2019

Time is running out. If you haven't already registered for the NZPF Conference in Auckland, do it now!

At the Conference this year, plenary and breakout sessions will be included in order to offer more opportunities for you to hear from a wide variety of speakers. These include: Yong Zhao (USA), Dr Karen Edge (UK), Neill O'Reilly (Hong Kong) and Glenn Cappelli (Australia).

For more information, visit the [website](#) or click [here](#) to register now!



Nominations for NZPF Election 2019

Nominations are now open for the NZPF President, Vice President and 12 Executive committee members.

Click [here](#) for the form to nominate candidates for President and Vice President for next year.

Click [here](#) for the form to nominate candidates for the executive committee for the next two years.

Nominations close on 5 August and the electoral roll closes on 25 August. Your subscription payment must be received by this date in order to be eligible for voting.



SHAKTI

Arranged Marriage for under aged youth in New Zealand

Forced marriage for under aged young people is a violation of human rights. Nonetheless we are aware that these occur in Aotearoa New Zealand. Shakti Youth is an organisation calling for an end to forced under-age marriage. Their advocacy has resulted in a bill in Parliament for 16 and 17 year olds having to get independent permission from a family court judge, to get married.

It would be helpful for schools to disseminate information to their students so that all are aware of the protections available to them. Click [here](#) for an information leaflet outlining how students can get help from Shakti.