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President's Message



He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai.

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

Kia ora e te whānau

Te Akatea - Māori Principals' Association

This week I am attending the Te Akatea conference in Palmerston North. There are over 100 Māori school leaders gathered for the conference which has some draw card speakers to look forward to. On opening day, we were inspired by the strong powhiri from the proud tamariki of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manawatu. It was a powerful reminder to me that schools must provide a culture that will nourish and grow the talents and potential of our young people. I am very much looking forward to the rest of the conference. Ngā mihi aroha au ki te haukāinga o te rohe o Rangitāne me Ngāti Raukawa.

ERO Research

I have been asked to give you a heads up that ERO is undertaking an evaluation study of Overseas Trained Teachers (OTT) in New Zealand schools. It is a survey-based study.

The aim of the research is to better understand how OTTs understand the NZC and adapt to local classroom and school settings. Evaluation will also cover recruitment and settlement experiences and motivations of OTTs.

It is intended to survey both OTTs and Principals during August and September. Any principals who answer that they have hired an OTT in the last twelve months are asked to forward a link of the survey to their OTT(s). Later, principals employing OTTs will be asked to complete a quick ten-minute survey themselves.

The more participants, the more reliable is the data, so I urge you to look out for communications from ERO on OTT research and respond as quickly as you can.

Lockdowns

Lockdowns have been a high-profile news item this week as findings emerge from the inquiry that was undertaken after the Christchurch Mosque attacks. The [independent inquiry by KPMG](#) found that problem areas first centred on communication between Police and the Ministry resulting in Police contacting schools directly. Some schools were uncertain whether or not the Police were genuine callers or hoax callers. This created confusion.

Initially, the Ministry had emailed all schools and ECE centres directly and then called them. Not all staff were in a position to receive emails at the time. This resulted in delays and further confusion about the lockdown directive, especially as some Ministry staff calling schools were unable to answer questions.

The investigation made a number of recommendations including:

1. The use of technology for communication is efficient when dealing with large volumes of people, but email is less useful. Calls or texts would be preferable.
2. Systems and contact details need to be electronically accessible and up to date because hard copy systems may not be accessible in an emergency
3. Regular, clear communication throughout an emergency would alleviate fears and stress and manage expectations
4. It would be helpful if Police communicated with parents during an emergency lockdown as it was found that parents created additional challenges for schools during the Christchurch lockdown
5. Schools need to undertake regular lockdown practices if we expect them to cope in a real emergency
6. There is now an opportunity for all schools to review their lockdown procedures, ensure all details of the lockdown plan are current and schedule practice times. The Ministry provides excellent guidelines on how to establish your lockdown plan. Click [here](#) to access information.

Have a great week and I will be back next week with more news and updates for you.

Ngā manaakitanga

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Notices



2020 Joint APPA & NZPF Trans-Tasman Conference
 15-18 September 2020
 Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
www.appa-nzpf2020.com

APPA-NZPF Trans-Tasman Conference 2020

Next year's conference will be held in Melbourne from 15 - 18 September 2020.

Watch [this video](#) to find out more!

Convener - Calling for Expressions of Interest

NZPF hosts an annual conference for school leaders. For the past three years, NZPF has organized the conference under the leadership of a convener. The Convener we have employed for this role has now resigned. We are now seeking expressions of interest to appoint a new Conference Convener for the NZPF 2021 conference, which will be held in Christchurch. For further information please contact our [NZPF National Office](#).

Next year, we will join our Australian colleagues in Melbourne for the Trans-Tasman conference. That conference is organized by a joint organizing committee of both Australian and NZPF conference organizers.

Make your school sustainable with Your Sustainable School Programme

Are the Principal of a primary or intermediate school in the Wellington Region? Could your school benefit from a FREE

programme that helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill?

Your Sustainable School (YSS) can help.

YSS is a curriculum-based education programme designed to reduce the amount of waste your school produces by 60%.

How it works:

- We run curriculum linked sessions with students
- We provide free resources and free bin installations
- We work with your school to tailor the programme to suit your kaupapa.

Why YSS:

- It's free and requires very little time commitment from your school or staff
- 80% of schools that have completed YSS have reduced their waste services bills
- Kids care about pollution and climate change

Funding for this programme is only available through to the first two terms of 2020.

For more information head to: [Sustainability Trust - YSS](#)



MACs - Calling for Expressions of Interest

The NZPF and Te Akatea are pleased to announce expansion of the Maori Achievement Collaboratives (MACS) principal professional learning and development kaupapa. We are calling for expressions of interest to participate from the beginning of 2020. We hope to provide this kaupapa in regions not currently catered for, including Wellington and Southland/Otago.

Please go to www.mac.ac.nz and complete the expression of interest form. If you would like further information contact hoana@mac.ac.nz phone 021 0664152



NZCLW 2019 - Get Involved!

New Zealand Chinese Language Week runs from 22-28 September 2019.

Show your support for NZCLW by organising an event or involving students in activities in the classroom.

Displaying NZCLW 2019 posters around your school is a great way to show your support for New Zealand Chinese Language Week. This year [the posters](#) feature thirteen common phrases, translated from Mandarin to English.

[Click here](#) for ideas and resources that can be used in school.

Business Partners

NZPF assures its business partners that, as members, you will contact them to have a conversation if you are purchasing products, services or solutions for your schools that a business partner supplies. Please support our partners as their assistance to NZPF means better membership services to you.

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