



PRINCIPAL MATTERS

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President's Message



Kia Kaha te Reo Māori

Te Reo Māori is living, dynamic and rich. As you learn, you appreciate that diversity is the key to wellbeing and unity.

Whāia te ara poutama o te reo ka tohatoha ai

Keep improving your language, and share what you know

Kia ora e te whānau

Ngā mihi o te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Teaching NZ History to be Compulsory

NZPF warmly welcomes the announcement yesterday by the Prime Minister that in 2022 it will be compulsory to teach NZ history in schools.

This announcement comes at the end of many years of hard lobbying including two former Prime Ministers Jim Bolger and Geoffrey Palmer, Māori Party President Pem Bird, Te Akatea representatives and NZPF has also lobbied to have both NZ history and Te Reo made compulsory just as quickly as we can get the trained teachers in place.

We are delighted that the Government has listened to us and made this commitment. What we will also need is PLD for our teachers and inclusion of a NZ history component in our ITE programmes, so that we can deliver our own country's history to our own children.

We see the teaching of NZ history as another means to break down societal racism which thrives in a climate of ignorance.

Assessing Literacy & Numeracy at Year Seven or Eight

Last week, the idea of testing year seven and eight students for NCEA literacy and numeracy standards hit the headlines. The rationale for the renewed focus on these two areas came from research undertaken by the Tertiary Education Commission showing that 42% of those entering the workforce lacked functional literacy and numeracy skills for the workplace.

After getting rid of National standards and returning to the learning richness of a broad curriculum, we were all taken by surprise at the announcement. Surely this was a backwards step, returning us again to a narrow focus on literacy and numeracy - a situation we had just left.

Intermediate and Middle School leaders, alongside their primary school colleagues, roundly opposed the idea, particularly after nine years of national standards - which had monumentally failed to lift the literacy and numeracy achievement of Kiwi kids.

This week I met with those in the Ministry responsible for setting literacy and numeracy benchmarks and for designing an appropriate way to address NCEA literacy and numeracy standards.

It quickly became apparent that the announcement causing all the grief was premature and may not happen at all. I was told

the benchmarks haven't even been written yet, so the idea that assessment could be designed already is just not possible.

It was agreed that communication with the sector could have been much better and NZPF will now be invited to contribute to the development of a solution to the dilemma of 42% of students not having functional literacy and numeracy skills for the workplace.

The APPA Conference, Adelaide, South Australia

I wrote my last newsletter to you from Adelaide, outlining the reasons NZPF pursues international connections and the benefits that accrue to the global community from engaging in these international networks.

I feel deeply honoured that our Australian colleagues extended such a warm welcome to the New Zealand contingent attending this year's APPA conference. They made particular reference to the work we are committed to in addressing the educational inequalities that exist for our Māori and Pacific Island students and the initiatives underway in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Connecting with the Regions

This week I have been with our colleagues in the Waikato. Yesterday I spoke to a large group gathered in Hamilton and overnight and today, I'm spending time with our colleagues from Tokoroa. It has been a privilege to be able to share what's on top for the sector with these dedicated and hard-working principals. Ngā mihi e te whānau, ngā Tumuaki o Waikato.

Education Payroll

Education Payroll will be offering the new online school's payroll service EdPay to another 1000 schools soon. The schools will join the 200 who have been trialling EdPay, and will be able to log in, give it a go and send their feedback to Education Payroll. EdPay is being built in stages, and so far, schools can use it for new hires and contract terminations and to view and change employees' personal and financial details. Schools that are keen to try it can let their dedicated payroll adviser know.

Some of you have been asking about the timeframe for principals' pay increases and lump sum payments. I can now tell you that the one off lump sum payment will be made to all principals who are NZEI members on 25 September. You will be paid your new rates of pay on 9 October, which is pay period 14.

Next week I will be back to announce the results of the NZPF elections. Please check your email for your electronic voting papers.

Ngā manaakitanga

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NZPF Notices



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!



MAC Regional Facilitator - Job opportunities

Ka hikitia! Ka hikitia! Hiki hikitia! Tēnei te ara, ko te ara o ngā mātua tupuna he ara oranga, poipoia ngā mokopuna ngā rangatira mo apopo, ka tihei, tihei mauri ora!

Te Akatea Māori Principals Association seek Māori Achievement Collaborative (MACs) facilitators to deliver the MAC Kaupapa in a number of regions across Aotearoa.

These positions are fixed term from 28th January 2020 up to 27th January 2022. You would need to be a high performing, highly experienced principal with a background of success, knowledge, skill and ability in Māori education. You would also need to be either an accredited facilitator or meet the criteria for initial accreditation. If you feel you would like to find out more about this and to express an interest, please contact Hoana Pearson – Te Pītau Mātauranga (National Coordinator MAC). Email: hoana@mac.ac.nz or phone 021 0664 152. We will have information available on our website under the tab 'job opportunities' in the next few days.



NZ Principal Magazine also Online

You and/or your team members can easily access the NZ Principal Magazines online, as an e-magazine or as a PDF. Additionally you can search for a previous issue, an article by title or by the author of the article. All magazines back to Term 1 2012 are available in this format. To view or search click [here](#).

Useful Information



Accounting
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Amazing Xero Subscription Promotion!

Accounting for Schools have embarked on a campaign of giving back to NZ schools and would like to offer an amazing deal to anyone looking to help their School and make the switch to Xero. AFS will provide [new Xero subscriptions](#) to schools at a heavily discounted rate for the next 2 years.

Sign up your School to a new Xero subscription by 31 October 2019 and pay only \$25+GST per month for the next 2 years!

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Schools Vaping Survey

The Cancer Society Auckland is concerned about children and young people taking up vaping and the negative impact this can have on their health and development.

While vaping can be a useful tool to help adults quit smoking, the Cancer Society wants to ensure our young people are adequately protected in new legislation and would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The findings may be used to raise awareness on the issue of youth vaping and inform submissions on proposed Ministry of Health amendments to the Smoke-free Environments act 1990 (SFEA) for the regulation of these products.

Please [click here](#) to complete the online survey.



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.



PRIME MINISTER'S SCIENCE PRIZES

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Prime Minister's Science Prizes - Now Open

Nominations for the Prime Minister's Science Prizes are now open. There are five prizes in total with a combined value of 1 million dollars. Two of the categories which are most relevant to your schools are the Science Teacher Prize and Future Scientist Prize. Click [here](#) for more information about these prizes.

If you would like to apply or know of anyone that would be suitable to apply, then go to www.pmscienceprizes.org.nz to find out more.

Applications close on 10 October.

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.

Gold Partners



Silver Partners



Bronze Partners

