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President's Message



*Ina te mahi, he rangatira.
See how he does – a leader in deed.*

Moving forward through Term 3, it has been heartening to hear that planned principal cluster and regional events have been taking place, conferences have been able to go ahead and people are able to prioritize connecting and reconnecting with colleagues and friends. Having said that, this week many principals will have been coping with weather events, supporting students, staff and communities to ensure they are safe and coordinating efforts to get people the supplies and resources they need. Thank you all for your mahi. Leadership in times of adversity is where we lead from the heart and do 'whatever is needed'. Kia kaha to you all.

Te Akatea – Māori leaders leading the way

This week I had the privilege of meeting up with Māori leaders at the Te Akatea Conference.

Powerful messages were shared with delegates about what education transformation needs to look like, to ensure 'Māori achieve success as Māori'. We have work to do to ensure we have something to celebrate in 2040 as a nation, as an education system and as leaders within that system.

Momentum for change needs to speed up so we move from being 'culturally responsive', to being 'culturally active' to achieve 'cultural sustainability'.

Work has begun in many schools to normalize Te Reo and to make it part of every school day. To strengthen this mahi 'Te Atū o Te Reo Māori' PLD has been made available in some regions. Feedback is that it is an outstanding programme. What will make it work even better will be the provision of in-school PLD time, so it is accessible for all teachers within a working week.

At the Te Akatea conference a powerful quote from a Year 6 student was shared by Hoana Pearson, Rangatira of 'Te Ara Hou – Māori Achievement Collaborative'.

"Without knowledge of my whakapapa, language and identity, my existence has no depth".

Sixteen MAC facilitators are now working with over 420 schools across Aotearoa, supporting school principals to learn and lead in culturally responsive and sustainable ways.

Through work being done through the MAC and with the localized curriculum, schools have opportunity to personalize learning, to ensure students' knowledge of their whakapapa is strong and that their learning experiences are powerful, relevant and equitable.

This work, alongside the 'Emerging Māori Principals' Programme' is being supported by a range of Māori leaders, working within and beyond the education system, to challenge policies, structures and world views that undermine Māori ākonga. It is challenging work, but the innovative mahi being done to bring about positive change is inspiring, ground-breaking and world leading.

Leadership – From the Ministers, through the MOE, to you

Last week, over 1,300 school leaders attended a ZOOM hui with Minister Hipkins, Minister Tinetti and our Secretary of Education, Iona Holstead. At this ZOOM, Minister Hipkins provided an overview of what has happened in the Education

sector since 2017. Minister Tinetti outlined the four key priorities for 2022, which included

- The Te Mahau MOE restructure, to better support schools at regional and local levels
- Teacher supply, using a range of solutions from within the system and through an accelerated employer work visa process.
- Reengaging students in learning, in partnership with the sector
- The 'Curriculum Refresh', to strengthen the teaching and learning of foundation concepts and skills

Leadership Innovation needed – an invitation

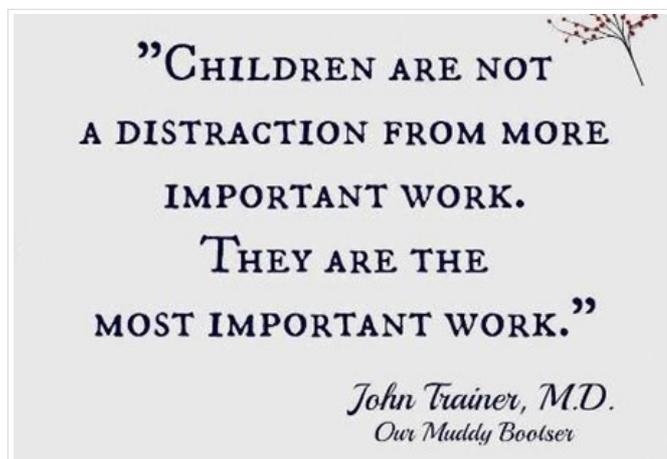
School leaders have been invited to engage in ZOOM sessions next week, to share innovative practices developed during the pandemic and creative solutions you believe would best support students, staff and whanau moving forward. In a disrupted landscape, this is an opportunity to think about what a 'preferred future' would look like, if we could shape it. Follow this [link](#) to register.

Some of the immediate issues before us are

- Getting students reengaged in learning,
- Working out the best ways to address students' lost learning time and
- Supporting staff, students and whanau's well-being.

While it is hoped the COVID pandemic is on the wane, the daily logistics of COVID continues to consume energy and resources at a rapid rate. It was Ashley Bloomfield who said *"We are the people we've been waiting for. There is no one coming to help"*.

This is a time where we truly need to collaborate, to create the best "next steps", with colleagues, with the MOE and the Ministers. And why? Because we have three cohorts of students who need us all to work together, to bring all our expertise together, to get the next bit right.



The Mathematics Curriculum Road Show

We have just finalized details of the next eight Mathematics

Road Show events that will be taking place in Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4. Feedback from the initial Road Show events have been extremely positive. Principals appreciated the focus on what they can do now, to review and improve mathematics teaching and learning in their schools, while waiting for the revised Mathematics Curriculum to land.

Details of the next eight Mathematics Road Show events are below. To register please send an email to office@nzpf.ac.nz.

Region	Date	Place	Time
Gisborne	5/9/2022	Lawson Theatre	9am-2.30pm
Tauranga	6/9/2022	Armitage Hotel	9am-1pm
New Plymouth	7/9/2022	Plymouth International	9am-1pm
Central Otago	22/9/2022	Cromwell Presbyterian Church	9am-1pm
Bay of Islands	25/10/2022	TBC	9am-1pm
West Auckland	7/11/2022	Black Salt Bar	9am-1pm
Invercargill	14/11/2022	Corinthian Centre	9am-1pm
Timaru	15/11/2022	The Grosvenor Hotel	9am-1pm

Discussions have begun with the MOE, to develop a PLD logistics plan to strengthen equity of access to MOE Curriculum PLD as the 'Curriculum Refresh' evolves. I hope we will be able to bring these dates to you before the end of Term 3, to inform your planning for 2023.

Mathematics ZOOM Hui

Last night, NZPF hosted the first Maths ZOOM Hui, for leaders and teachers who attended a Road Show event last term. Led by Rob Proffit-White, the session focused on NZ Mathematics resources and how schools could use them to enhance their current mathematics programmes.

The ZOOM Hui was recorded, so this and power-point notes are available for school leaders who have attended a Mathematics Road Show event.

The link to recorded Hui is below, if you wanted the slideshow, please email office@nzpf.ac.nz

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/play/eu0WY4gLL6DuLr_rGJsXEXoeXyoawF92p_mCVR3y3SjtPevu gkLq_UERokXpwFR1JE0a1PSAxfgt3lVu.Gf2kN8kswVQOsDou

And a final notice - Relief Teaching Funding Update

While the immediate financial pressure of relief staffing has been eased with the MoE announcement that all sick leave will be paid once a school's entitlement is spent, work is still being done to sort details.

Key issues still to be addressed include the coding of relievers, payments for part-time teachers who relieve and how to compensate teaching principals for lost release time, when relievers have not been able to be found. I expect these issues to be resolved soon.

Wondering of the Week:

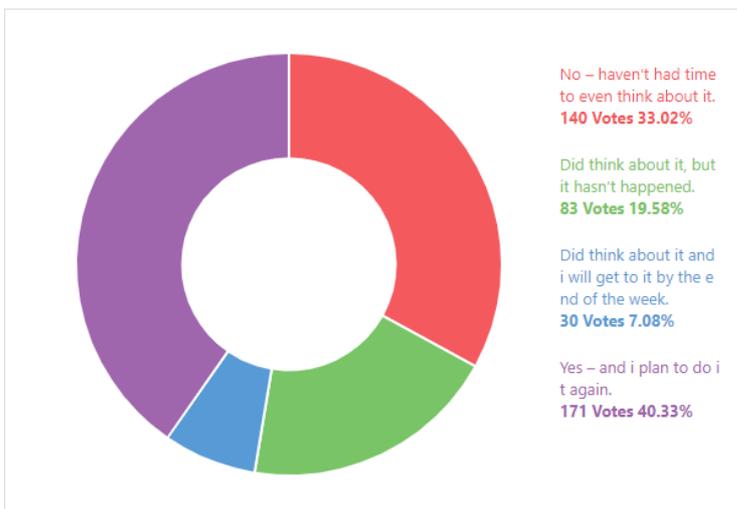
The relationship between BOT chairpersons and principals is one of the most important in a school. If we were to organize a joint NZPF – NZSTA event / hui / conference for principals and BOT chairs to attend, would this be something you would support?

- I would want to attend a joint BOT chair / principal hui
- I would probably attend a joint BOT chair / principal hui
- I am not sure if I would attend a joint BOT chair / principal hui
- I would not attend a joint BOT chair / principal hui

Vote

Results of last Week's poll:

Have you taken time out this week to do something for yourself, for your health and wellbeing?



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NZPF Elections

Vice President for 2023 will be Jason Miles, who is elected unopposed. If you wish to participate in the election for NZPF President for 2023, you must be a financial member. If you have not yet paid your subscription to NZPF this year, you have until 25 August to do so.

The electoral roll closes on 25 August and voting will open on 1 September and close at noon on 20 September.



NZPF Conference - Christchurch

The overarching theme of this year's conference is Aotearoa ki te whai ao! - Aotearoa and Beyond. We will be celebrating, sharing and learning from leaders, artists, pioneers, scholars and everyday people who have a connection to Aotearoa, have taken their talent to the world, and who push boundaries to achieve the very best for us and our country!

The conference will be held at the new Te Pae, Christchurch Convention and Exhibition Centre, on 14 - 16 September.

For further details and to register for the conference, please visit the [website](#).



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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



PB4L Conference 2022 - Next Week!

This conference will be held on 26-27 August at Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington.

The keynote line up includes:

- Hon Jan Tinetti - Associate Minister of Education
- Kent McIntosh PHD (USA) - *How can we sustain PB4L? Everyday actions to strengthen our systems"*
- Professor Meihana Durie - *Te Hiringa Matua - The Role of Education in Unleashing Māori Potential*
- Dr Katie Fitzpatrick PH.D. - *Reflections on policy and practice*

Workshop presentations from accross the PB4L suite include:

- School-wide Tier 1 & 2
- Restorative Practice
- Huakina Mai
- Incredible Years Teacher & Parent
- Te Mana Tikitiki
- Check and Connect
- PB4L Leadership
- PB4L Data

For a copy of the full conference programme [click here](#)

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