



Knowledge in our hands

Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference 2016

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Kia ora koutou katoa

We are at the detail end of organisation for the Trans-Tasman Conference now and very much looking forward to welcoming people to Auckland at the end of May!

Auckland is New Zealand's largest and most diverse city and it will be a sparkling venue for this very important, once every four-year event! We look forward to three days of networking, story-telling, professional learning, as well as time for you to think, refresh and lift your heads above the busy everyday life at school.

Registrations are tracking very well for this point in the cycle and **'Early Bird' registrations close on 31 March 2016**. An early bird registration will save you \$NZ100 on your registration fees, so make sure you register online before this date at <http://www.transtasmanconference.co.nz/registration/register-now/>

Thank you to the regional Associations in NZ who are sponsoring and assisting principals to attend. This is a great gesture to ensure wide participation.

School Visits

These have been arranged for Monday morning, 30 May 2016. If you would like the opportunity to visit some of our Auckland Schools, please make sure you indicate this when you register.

Programme and Speakers

The programme for this very special conference will be a mixture of Keynote and Mini Keynote speakers and innovative Taster Talks from a range of practitioners, from which you will choose a follow up workshop.

Our headline education speakers are **Linda Kaser** and **Judy Halbert** from Canada, whose work is currently informing Ministry policy, especially around their innovative Spiral of Inquiry. There are excellent messages here on leadership, too. Add to this **Georgette Mulheir**, a delightful Irish woman who heads up JK Rowling's Lumos Foundation, which is seeking to do away with institutionalised care for children worldwide and we are sure you will find plenty to think about.

John Edwards' and **Bill Martin's** new book *'Schools that Perform'* will be launched in the US just prior to the conference next year and will be coming to us hot off the press. Many of the stories in the book have been drawn from NZ schools as well as those in the US, Australia, the UK and Scandinavia.

We are most excited by the Taster Talks and follow-up workshop speakers who have been selected from amongst our own ranks of practitioners in New Zealand and Australia. The tasters will be presented in groups of four – four quick 'tastes' of what is to come in the follow up sessions – using visuals and utilising the technology at our disposal. You will then choose who you'd like to hear more from, and you will attend these sessions on a first come first served basis.

These presenters have submitted papers for consideration and have been through a selection process to bring practical and interesting examples of what is happening in NZ schools from both the North and South Islands, large and small schools, rural and urban. This is such an exciting opportunity to showcase our schools and celebrate Kiwi education, as well as providing a challenging professional development opportunity for those

who have been brave enough to put themselves forward! We know there will be something for everybody within this group! And it is such a perfect enactment of the theme of our conference – *Knowledge in Our Hands*.

All of this will be expertly managed by our MC Michele A’Court who will combine clever humour with expert speaking skills to ensure a smooth flow between sessions and add her talent to the pool.

The emphasis is on story telling – and there are some amazing stories to tell. This is just a sampling of some of what is on offer. For full bios and continuous updates be sure to keep an eye on the website at <http://www.transtasmanconference.co.nz/programme/speakers>

Our social programme has also been designed to dazzle and show what Auckland can offer, with a superb conference dinner planned.

Please do join us – The conference committee and I look forward to welcoming you!

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