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#### Greetings

Nō reira, kia ora tātou. Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu kia tere te kārohirohi.

Very best wishes as the year accelerates to its end point.

## Editorial

PAT LYNCH

### Integrated Schools Are in Good Shape

On 9th October 1975 the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act was passed by Parliament on the last sitting day of the Third Labour Government, with the support of the National Party Opposition. In so doing, in the words of the late Norman Kirk, the Prime Minister who initially led the Third Labour Government, it "healed the one hundred year education running sore" whereby a significant sector of New Zealand schools had been denied State funding.

In the forty years since the passage of this legislation Integrated schools have successfully taken their place in the State school education system and are now strongly contributing to the welfare of the system itself and to the wellbeing of New Zealand society.

The legislators and those organisations that contributed to formulating the Act were bold and visionary yet were also pragmatists who could see that trust and compromise were the ingredients that delivered legislation that needed to work in practice. That the fundamentals of the legislation have stood the test of time is a strong testament to the good will of the education groups and representatives of the Churches who worked together in order to fulfil the vision of Norman Kirk of healing the 100 year education running sore.

As I leave the CEO role of the NZCEO/APIS Office, I am acutely aware that it is the Proprietors, Boards of Trustees, Principals, teachers, parents and a host of others who have and continue to make the system work. I am grateful for their generosity, support and goodwill, for without them we would not enjoy the success we do.

It would be remiss of me if I did not single out successive New Zealand Governments since 1976 that have made the system work, in collaboration with Proprietors through their Integration Agreements with the Crown. Each of the fifteen Ministers of Education who have administered the Integration Act have acted with integrity and goodwill towards the sector – for this we can be eternally grateful.

We have a unique system of Integrated schools - it is a New Zealand "invention" that suits our needs, and what is more, it works. In the process it ensures State Integrated schools are not political footballs every time parliamentary elections come around.

It has been a wonderfully privileged journey to have worked with the education sector over 22 years. Thank you for the opportunity to have been able to meet so many of you in your various roles as you make the system work. May the trust and good will which the sector has built up in all of its wonderful diversity, continue to strengthen and deliver special character education to the over 88,000 young people in our 324 Integrated schools throughout the land.

I commend Paul Ferris, the new CEO, to you as a man whom you can trust. He is a well-respected educator who has your interests at heart.

May God Bless You All.

Patrick J. Lynch KNZM

March 1st, 2016



**Congratulations to:**

**Reminder to Proprietors and Boards of Trustees**

Circular 2015/10 Attendance Dues Accounts outlines the requirements for reporting to the Secretary of Education on attendance dues income and expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2015. It replaces Circular 2014/31. See [www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/publications/education-circulars/2015-circulars/2015-10/](http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/publications/education-circulars/2015-circulars/2015-10/). Audited annual attendance dues accounts are due with the Secretary for Education by 30 April 2016.

**An Alert for Proprietors and Boards of Trustees**

It is illegal for Proprietors or Boards of Trustees to engage debt collectors to collect donations or “school fees” (so-called) from families. Only attendance dues are legally enforceable. If in doubt contact NZCEO for advice.

**New CEO for Integrated Schools National Office**

We welcome and congratulate Paul Ferris QSM who replaces Sir Br Patrick Lynch as the new CEO for the Integrated Schools National Office (NZCEO and APIS). Paul has a strong background in all levels of education and has had many leadership roles within the education sector, he acknowledges that following Sir Br Pat Lynch’s outstanding leadership will be a challenge, but one that he is definitely looking forward to!

**ERO Refocuses**

From January 2016 ERO will start its reviews in primary schools with a focus on Māori student achievement. The main evaluation question will be: How effectively does this school respond to Māori students whose learning and achievement needs acceleration? This will lead to conversations about learning and achievement of specific children in need, and then about other learners.

**NZPTA Conference – Friday 13th May to Sunday 15th May**

The conference will be held in Auckland at the Surrey Hotel, 465 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn. Great speakers guaranteed. Email [diane@nzpta.org.nz](mailto:diane@nzpta.org.nz) or go to [www.nzpta.org.nz](http://www.nzpta.org.nz)

Recent Publications from the Education Review Office

- Accelerating Student Achievement: a resource for schools (December 2015)
- Raising Student Achievement through Targeted Actions (December 2015)
- Internal Evaluation: good practice (November 2015)
- Educationally Powerful Connections with Parents and Whānau (November 2015)

**Education Legislation Bill Has Passed Its First Reading**

The Education Bill is now with the Education and Science Committee. A submission was made by the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools in February. The Bill proposes that the Minister’s power to enter into Supplementary Agreements may be delegated. After taking legal advice APIS is supporting this clause, which is technical in nature and does not affect the PSCI Act.

**Congratulations to Schools and Individuals**

**Otago, Southland Regions:**

**Kavanagh College, Dunedin:** Kannha Lu won first prize for her weta-inspired creation in the Visual Arts Design Intermediate Section 3D Sculpture at the New Zealand Young Designers Awards Competition. Rosa Flaherty’s entry in the School for Young Writers Re-Draft Competition was published in “They Call Me Ink”.

**Canterbury, South Canterbury and West Coast Regions:**

Marian College, Christchurch: Carragh McKay was selected as an MP for the Youth Parliament 2016.

**Middleton Grange School, Christchurch:** Joshua Bainton and Jakob Kennedy were awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Government House. Rebecca Threw received her Queen’s Guide Award from Lady Janine Mateparae.

**Kapiti Coast, Horowhenua, Wairarapa, Wellington, Nelson, Buller and Marlborough Regions:**

**Te Ra Waldorf School, Raumati:** Five students (Harry, Leah, Mikki, Seirian and Sorcha) who took part in a writing workshop facilitated by Oscar Kightley had their work selected for publication.

**Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Rangitikei and Hawkes Bay Regions:**

**Lindisfarne College, Hastings:** Hamish Hay has been selected for the National Youth (U25) Symphonic Winds, playing Tenor Sax. Louis Williams has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools’ Symphony Orchestra.



**St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford:** Ielish Goble, 2015 deputy Head Girl, has been awarded a Shell NZ scholarship to study engineering at the University of Canterbury.

**Thames Valley, Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Tairāwhiti Regions:**

**Campion College, Gisborne:** Leighton Heikell has been selected for a Press Gallery role in the 2016 Youth Parliament.

**John Paul College, Rotorua:** The school was named the winner of the first annual Torque IP Conservation Cup. The achievement was profiled on [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz).

**Northland and Auckland Regions:**

Rosmini College, Auckland: Ryan Orense won the special prize in the 2015 Japanese Haiku (poem) and Shodo (calligraphy) National Championships.

**St Dominic's Catholic College, Henderson:** Both of Nain Alfante's entries in the School for Young Writers Re-Draft Competition were chosen for publication in "They Call Me Ink."

**St Joseph's Primary School, Otahuhu:** The school was the subject of an article in the Sunday Star Times on the work done by students with Lino Nelisi, the writer in residence for the Writers in Schools programme.

## Professional Learning and Development Changes will Lift Student Achievement

Changes to the way Professional Learning and Development (PLD) is delivered to teachers will be phased in over the next three years. Priority will be given to schools in communities of learning and to schools with a high number of students achieving below expected levels. To avoid disruption, existing contracts due to expire this year have been rolled over for another 12 months. See [www.education.govt.nz/professional-learning-and-development](http://www.education.govt.nz/professional-learning-and-development)

## Major School Broadband Project Completed

About 782,000 students from 2,500 schools now have fibre at their school gate thanks to the UFB and RBI programmes. 97% of schools can now connect to Ultra-Fast Broadband.

## Road Safety Game Design Competition

The New Zealand Transport Agency has announced a Game Design Competition for students in years 7 – 13. Friday 1st July is the deadline. See [www.education.nzta.govt.nz/gamecompetition](http://www.education.nzta.govt.nz/gamecompetition)

## More Trade Academy Places Available

In 2016 the number of Trade Academy places available across the country will increase to 6,190.

## Police Narratives of Plans to Improve School Safety

Police now have on their website more than 80 narratives of police-school partnerships to increase safety. These provide ideas that might be worth emulating, and topics of interest in schools like yours, at [www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications/schools/narrative](http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications/schools/narrative)

*"An optimist is the human personification of spring."*

Susan Bissonette

## Introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act

You will have recently received notification on the new Health and Safety at Work Act which will be introduced on the 4th April 2016. To ensure you meet requirements:

1. Familiarise yourself with the key requirements in the Health and Safety Work Act.
2. Review your health and safety policies and practices. Check advice on the NZSTA website.
3. Identify health and safety risks in your school and take steps to prevent these from causing harm.
4. Visit [www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/health-and-safety/](http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/health-and-safety/) to find out what support is available to you.
5. Have a look at [www.business.govt.nz/worksafe](http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe) for additional information.



Safety Matters (NZ) Ltd have a free self-audit checklist 'School Health and Safety Inspection Self-Assessment Checklist' at <http://safetyma.myob.net/downloads>.

For specific concerns contact [Richard.wards@education.govt.nz](mailto:Richard.wards@education.govt.nz)

## Useful Websites

[www.govtalks.co.nz](http://www.govtalks.co.nz) is a new resource from NZSTA providing videos, articles and news on Board governance

[www.volatilesubstances.org.nz](http://www.volatilesubstances.org.nz) gives information and advice on volatile substance abuse.

## Another 54 Communities of Learning Formed

Another 444 schools have formed themselves into Communities of Learning, which brings the total number of schools involved to 793. There are now, 96 Communities of Learnings involving about a third of all schools (793 out of 2,514) and about 250,000 students.

## Growing Great Leaders™ 2016 Courses

See the full range of Professional Development courses for 2016 at The University of Auckland Centre for Educational Leadership - [www.uacel.ac.nz/leadership-courses](http://www.uacel.ac.nz/leadership-courses)

## Information to Share with Senior Pacific Students in Schools

Up to four Toloa Scholarships of \$25,000 over three years each, funded by the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, will be offered each year to first year undergraduate and postgraduate Pacific students studying STEM-related papers. For more information see [www.pacificstem.org.nz](http://www.pacificstem.org.nz)

## The Outlook for Someday – Young People + Film + Sustainability

Liam van Eeden and Jean-Martin Fabre of Verdon College, Invercargill won the Element Audience Favourite Award and the Web Show Central Cinematography Award for their film 'Message in a Bottle.' Kate Low, Alia Cooper and Brenna Turnbull of Craighead Diocesan School, Timaru won the NZ Film Commission Young Woman Film Maker Award for their film 'Original.' See them on [www.theoutlookforsomeday.net/winning-films/](http://www.theoutlookforsomeday.net/winning-films/).

## 'Out of this World with Chainey and Marty'

'This book by Raymond Spence, for five to ten year olds, uses a host of quirky characters and fun storylines to communicate Christian values and life skills to kids. Each story comes with chapter notes and suggested activities as a guide for parents and teachers. Purchase 'Out of This World with Chainey and Marty' for \$14.95 at Castle Publishing [www.castlepublishing.co.nz/out-of-this-world.html](http://www.castlepublishing.co.nz/out-of-this-world.html) A second book in this series which addresses bullying and peer pressure will soon be published.

## Did You Know?

- The 2012 United Nations World Drug Report said the rate of reported cannabis use in New Zealand is one of the highest in the world. See [www.drugfoundation.org.nz](http://www.drugfoundation.org.nz)
- Just over 750,000 students returned to school, or started school, this year, with another 52,000 children to start during the year as they turn five. Almost all of these five year olds will have attended early childhood education, a 96.2 percent attendance rate.

## Children's Commissioner Launches Listening2Kids

A new online guide for those wanting to gather and use the voices of children and young people, Listening2Kids, is a resource developed by the Office of the Children's Commissioner. It provides practical advice and tools to help collect children's views, for organisations who want to include children and young people in their decisions, policies and actions [www.occ.org.nz/listening2kids/](http://www.occ.org.nz/listening2kids/)

## Children's Teams launched by Children's Action Plan

Social Development Minister Anne Tolley has just recently launched a new Children's Team in Whanganui. There are now eight Children's Teams up and running across the country. They support and protect vulnerable children by getting services to work together, putting the child at the centre of everything they do. For more information please email [admin@childrensactionplan.govt.nz](mailto:admin@childrensactionplan.govt.nz).

## Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards Closing Soon

Go to [www.pmawards.education.govt.nz](http://www.pmawards.education.govt.nz) for details on entering your school or early childhood service in the Prime Minister's Excellence Awards. Entries close on Friday 18th March at 5.00pm.



**"Attitudes are contagious – are yours worth catching?"**

Dennis Mannering



KONICA MINOLTA

### Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia ū!

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