



Editorial

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WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR NOURISHMENT FROM?

“Where do you get your nourishment from?” might sound a simple question with a simple answer.

The answer is pretty obvious when it comes to physical nourishment.

The more important question is where we get our nourishment for our spiritual dynamo, which in turn, provides the energy and inspiration to do our job, whatever that happens to be.

While our religious beliefs are sustaining, they also provide a framework onto which we can attach a range of information and insights, or to use today's imagery, “apps” which open doors and possibilities for us.

Life itself provides an extravagant range of possibilities and openings. It is a mosaic of unforeseen surprises and sometimes bad losses.

If our attitude to life's on-going learning is framed by the statement, “Life is a gift, in fact, an ongoing series of gifts”, we become able to better nourish our spirits. Life provides both responsibilities and opportunities to learn, especially if we are in a teaching or leadership role, where we rub shoulders with a wide range of individuals, all of whom are capable of teaching us something.

We have to consider humans as complex entities with intimately interacting, body, soul and spirit. Clearly, we are not machines. A healthy, nourishing approach to life has the needs of these three parts in balance. Nourishment means feeding and caring for – in a life where well-being is promoted, and systematic nourishment is structured and maintained on a daily basis.

“Light tomorrow with today.”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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Greetings

Tēna koutou. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou.

We hope you have had a good winter break as the new school term gathers pace.

Congratulations to New Boards

Those taking up their positions on the Boards of New Zealand integrated schools are congratulated, and thanked for their commitment to the wellbeing of our students and their teachers. It is a position with significant responsibilities, for which NZCEO provides help and advice, on request. The Education Review Office has recently published ‘School Trustees: Helping you to ask the right questions’, see www.ero.govt.nz. The Ministry of Education has provided ‘Professional Learning and Development Planning – A Resource Package for Principals and Boards of Trustees’. NZSTA provides ongoing information.

Handbook for Boards of Trustees, Principals and Staff of Catholic Integrated Schools 2013 Edition Circulated

The 2013 Edition of the Handbook for Boards of Trustees of Catholic Integrated Schools has been printed and circulated. Proprietors of non-Catholic integrated schools have also received a copy, owing to growing interest in the information it provides. The document is on the NZCEO website, and hard copies are available at \$5 each (plus post and packaging) from NZCEO.

Congratulations to the New Secretary for Education

Congratulations are extended to Peter Hughes the new Secretary for Education and CEO of the Ministry of Education.

Important Education Circular 2013/06 – Rules on Payments and Donations

A new circular, ‘Payments by parents of students in state and state-integrated schools’ (2013/06), has recently been published by the Ministry of Education. This circular is important for Proprietors, principals and Boards of Trustees of integrated schools. While the rules have not changed the new circular is clearer than previously. The circular can be obtained from www.minedu.govt.nz, or from the New Zealand Catholic Education Office. It is important that every school checks that it is within the law on this matter.

Education Amendment Bill Passed

The Education Amendment Bill was recently passed. It covers a range of matters including the establishment of Partnership Schools, the allocation of National Student Numbers at the early childhood level, and clarification of teachers' powers of search, surrender and retention. The Secretary of Education will issue rules and guidelines on the practical aspects of search, surrender and retention when the relevant provisions in the Act come into force, 1 January 2014.

PaCT Not Compulsory

The Minister of Education has announced that use of the Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT) will not be compulsory. She believes that it will stand on its own merits, and will assist teachers in making their overall judgements about students' progress.



Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Schools and Individuals

Otago, Southland Regions:

Columba College, Dunedin: Amelia Gatward-Ferguson won the NZ Gold-Panning Championship and will represent NZ at the Australasian Championships.

St Hilda's Collegiate, Dunedin: Anne-Sophie Pagè has been selected to attend the Youth Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science in Hobart.

St Peter's College, Gore: At the NZ Gold Guitar Awards Jenny Mitchell was overall runner up and won the senior duet section with partner Jason Grice, Vanessa Harvey won the Intermediate Instrumental section and, with their band Taxi, they won the audience favourite section and the over-all title of the busking competition.

John McGlashan College, Dunedin: Max Cameron will represent NZ at the International Geography Olympiad in Kyoto. Kan Kim, Nic Taylor, Ed Bercinkas-Gaul, Han Zhang and Ronald Poon received Elite Awards at the Language Perfect World Championships.

St John's School, Ranfurly: won the 2012 NZ Sign Language in Schools Award.

St Mary's School, Mosgiel: has produced delightful bookmarks featuring the school's mission statement and its Mercy values.

Canterbury, South Canterbury and West Coast Regions:

St Joseph's School, Papanui: Sofia Bae will represent New Zealand at an International Speech Competition in Hawaii. Patrick Elia and Malo Tautalafua will compete at the National Samoan Speech Competition.

Villa Maria College, Christchurch: Georgia Finch has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools' Choir. Estelle Thomson has been selected into the prestigious Australian Ballet School Programme. Eilish Espiner has been selected into the NZ Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra. At the International Brain Bee Challenge at the University of Otago Milly Young won the individual challenge and Milly, Julia Thwaites, Maya Cox and Isabella Walsh won the team event. Milly will now compete in the Australasian Brain Bee National Final in Adelaide.

Marian College, Christchurch: Teresa Hurring will represent NZ at an international youth conference in Switzerland in July on behalf of the International Police Association.

St Joseph's School, Papanui: Algin Torres is first in NZ and third in the world in the Mathletics Hall of Fame.

St James School, Aranui: The school was invited to join a panel discussion at a professional development hui for Education Review Office staff, to discuss what makes a difference for the Māori learner.

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

St Joseph's School, Nelson: Fiona Bonnett, Larkspur Brudvik Lindner, Rebecca Newnham and Macy Cattell competed in the National Lit Quiz competition.

Hutt International Boys' School, Silverstream: Violinist Oliver Pooke has been selected for the National Youth Orchestra. Luke Borthwick and Jamie Owers won the 'Most Effective Design' award at the National Shakespeare competition.

St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie: Choir Belles Voix won the Festival Cup at the Big Sing Competition.

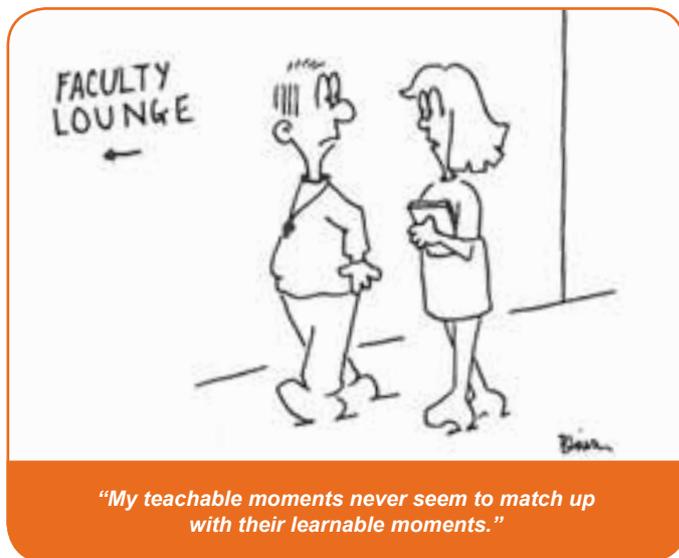
St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie: The College Barbershop Chorus has been granted a wildcard to attend the Nationals in Hamilton.

Chanel College, Masterton: Anastasia Roberts has been selected for the National Shakespeare production in Auckland in September.

Bishop Viard College, Porirua: Mimisa Omeri placed second in the National Speech Competition.

St Francis de Sales School, Island Bay: Students gave a wonderful performance to the public in the foyer of the Wellington Public Hospital.

St Mary's College, Wellington: The college pops orchestra gained a silver award at the Festival of the Bands, and Sarah Whitaker won the Best Soloist Award.



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

Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth: The school came second in the final of the Secondary Schools' Mooting Competition at the High Court in Hamilton.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings: Jasmine Norton won 2nd place in the 8 – 10 year old division of the New Zealand section of the World Literacy Day Competition. Estelle Taylor and Gabrielle Barham have been selected to perform in the NZ Dance Company's "Language of Living" show.

St Joseph's School, Hawera: Robbie Johnson and Natalie Murch were awarded their bronze star from the Royal Life Saving Society of New Zealand.

Lindisfarne College, Hastings: Stuart Curran will compete in the International Biology Olympiad in Switzerland.

St Peter's College, Palmerston North: Charlotte Grant has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools' Choir, and won a place in the Cultural and Language Exchange Programme to Thailand.

St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford: Elizabeth Calvert gained a Special Certificate of Merit in the Rodney Walsh Ireland Essay Competition, placing her in the top six students in NZ.

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

Marian School, Hamilton: Pearl James achieved the highest mark in New Zealand for Grade 3 Communication Skills, Trinity College of London Speech and Drama Examinations.

John Paul College, Rotorua: 223 year 7 to 13 students took part in the biggest ever on-line language learning competition, the Language Perfect World Championship, gaining a 1st place in English Spelling, with John Lee, Carlo Flores, Bayley Hawkes and Cullen Smith, among the top 1% of all competitors in the world. Fintan Walsh won 1st place in the Rodney Walshe Ireland Essay Competition. Double bass player Jessie Colbert was accepted into the NZSO National Youth Orchestra for 2013.

Northland and Auckland Regions:

Baradene College, Remuera: The school has been designated a Microsoft IT Academy.

St Dominic's College, Henderson: Heather Blair was awarded the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. Kendall Jones was awarded Top Dance Scholar in New Zealand.

Carmel College, Milford: Elena Šiljić's composition, Land of the Lord, won her the Years 11-13 section in the Caritas Singout4Justice song-writing contest. Elena also won the 2013 Smokefree Rockquest and the Lowdown Best Song Award.

McAuley High School, Otahuhu: The school has an interesting case study on www.tki.org.nz, on students' experience of community problem solving. Students set up Pasifex, to share learning strategies so that more Year 11 Pasifika students can gain excellence in NCEA. They shared their coaching strategies with other schools through a wiki and information sheets, and ran a plenary session at the Pasifika Youth Conference in May.

Sacred Heart College, Glendowie: won the Pompallier Shield for public speaking for the 5th year in a row. The Tongan Cultural Group won the Mako and Ma'ulu'ulu sections at the 2013 ASB Polyfest.

Other Articles

Consultation on the Review of the Religious Studies Achievement Standards

Schools are encouraged to take part in the consultation on the draft standards matrix at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Religious-studies-consultation>. The review aims to align the standards

with the outcomes of National Curriculum Levels 6-8, to address any issues of duplication of standards, and to address any issues of credit parity. Note that the consultation is open until 9 August.

Hostel 'Sleepover' Case Update

Employment conditions for hostel staff on duty or on call overnight at school hostels have recently been brought to the Employment Court. A Judgement is expected in approximately two months. The decision will have financial consequences for all school hostels. NZSTA is thanked for its support of the schools involved in preparing evidence for the hearings.

Recent Reports from ERO

- Including Students with High Needs: primary schools – includes good strategies.
- Secondary Schools: Pathways for future education, training and employment
- Stories of Resilience and Innovation in Schools and Early Childhood Services: Canterbury Earthquakes 2010-2012
- Provision for Students in Activity Centres

Two page summaries including useful tips, and full reports are available at www.ero.govt.nz.



"I can't play video games with you after school today. I have to help my father help me with my homework."

Microsoft Launches Te Reo Māori for Windows 8, Office 2013, Outlook.com and Internet Explorer 10

Microsoft has worked for ten years with Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) on the use of te reo for a wide range of digital devices, all leading to the latest launch during Māori language week. Get free downloads at <http://aka.ms/Office2013inTeReo>. Previous versions of Windows and Office are also supported. Microsoft also will support a new charitable foundation to bring free te reo Māori translations to the internet.

"Tell me and I will forget, show me and I may not remember, involve me and I will understand."

Native American Proverb

SunSmart Schools Accreditation

Melanoma continues to increase in New Zealand. The NZ Cancer Society encourages schools to apply for SunSmart accreditation at www.sunsmartschools.co.nz, or through the local Cancer Society, which is also developing new curriculum resources for Years 1-8. Schools should note that while sunsails are useful they usually cover a fairly small area - the Cancer Society particularly recommends polycarbonate extension verandas, and deciduous trees. A shade audit for schools is also a good idea.

Pacific Languages Compendium

The Ministry of Pacific Affairs now has a web-based compendium/directory of Government resources written or delivered in 14 Pacific languages. Educational resources are included. Go to www.mpia.govt.nz/pacific-languages-compendium.

Teachers Congratulated on NCEA Level 2 Results

2012 NCEA Level 2 results have shown an improvement of 10.1% since 2009, and the Minister of Education has congratulated teachers for the work they have done. Results in the West Coast and Gisborne showed particularly impressive improvements.

Safety in Schools

Police are currently working on a Safety Education Framework, which will be a useful document for schools, and PPTA has developed a School Anti-violence Toolkit, which is available at www.ppta.org.nz.

Budget 2013 – Education

The 2013 Budget included significant new funding to support training for Boards of Trustees, and increased funding for the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative, which will be rolled out to more primary schools and, in 2016, to secondary schools also. Two new programmes will be piloted, Check and Connect and My FRIENDS Youth. Both programmes aim to assist students at risk of dropping out of education or of depression and anxiety. A new Connecting Communities initiative will provide information to families, whānau and aiga.

“Trusting our intuition often saves us from disaster.”

Anne Wilson Schaeff



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Funding Technology

Update on the School Network Upgrade Project (SNUP) and the School Connection Programme (SCP)

The programme is continuing apace, with the aim of reaching 97.7% of schools (99.5% of pupils) by 2016, two years ahead of schedule. Wireless capacity will be included in the SNUP programme from now on. Remote schools will receive improved service through wireless or satellite technology instead of fibre. A timetable of when all schools will receive this upgrade will soon be available on the Ministry of Education website.

Computers in Homes Funding Continued

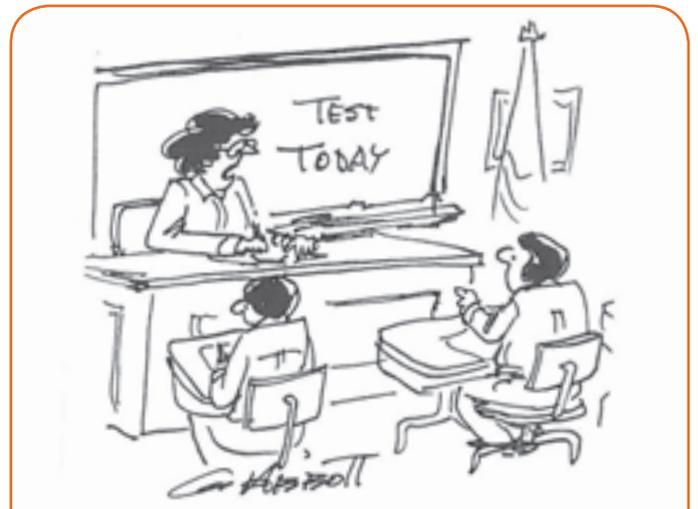
The Government has announced that funding for Computers in Homes will continue for another year. This will benefit families in low income communities and enable parents to better support their children's learning.

Vocational Pathways Will Assist Students

The recently released Vocational Pathways documents will assist senior students to plan their future work and study options, and will help educators to work with them. See the Education Gazette of 4 June 2013 for an overview.

3D Printing Revolution Coming

Ross Stevens, the senior lecturer at Victoria University's School of Design, believes that very soon schools will be enabling students to engage in 3D printing in school classes, now that the cheapest such printers are available from \$1000.



*“Yes, I'm counting off for misspelling.
We're having a spelling test.”*

Kia kaha, Kia Māia, Kia ū!

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