



Editorial

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LIFE AND LIVING

A Muslim acquaintance recently said to me that he makes a distinction in his view of his existence between his life and his living. This puzzled me for a while until he explained that living has to do with the ordinariness of life, while life has more to do with what contribution he is making to his family, his community and the world generally, and more importantly, what he would leave behind when he died.

Clearly, people from different cultures and religious backgrounds have richness to share with others - in this case an interesting and rich view about our existence.

Living is, amongst other things, attending to what is necessary for a full existence, building and sustaining relationships, working, eating, sleeping, praying, worshipping, studying, helping in the community and the list goes on and on. Much of this is not spectacular, but nonetheless it is vital for a satisfying and happy life.

One's life, however, has more to do with what is referred to as one's legacy i.e. what difference I have made to the world as a result of my deliberate efforts to improve the lives of others. These ideas come to mind: written and oral contributions, governance, administrative and teaching contributions, spiritual, religious and academic contributions, social, economic, sporting, cultural and entertainment contributions.

We are all aware of the power of an idea. Many improvements in the living standards of people have been brought about because somebody nurtured an idea and it took off. History is full of people who thought outside the square, who were inspired to do something differently and in the process left behind a legacy for good.

While we are bombarded each day with a diet of negative or miserable happenings, let us concentrate more on what we might do to provide life for those who will come after us.

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Greetings

He aha te taonga, koha nui rānei kaho atu tātou ki te tangata? He akoranga, he akoranga, he akoranga.

Greetings! Now that spring has well established itself we trust that you are energetically facing the last quarter of the year.

Appointment Letters Provided for Integrated Schools

As a result of longstanding concerns with schools' lack of strength to take action if a teacher should fail to uphold the school's special character, an employment law firm was engaged to write template appointment letters, which have recently been circulated to Proprietors, Boards of Trustees and Principals. We strongly urge you to use these formats in future when appointing staff, to ensure that matters of special character are adequately covered at the time of appointment. The letters are available on the APIS website.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Hon Hekia Parata on her re-appointment as the Minister of Education.

Vulnerable Children Act Places New Requirements on Schools

The Vulnerable Children Act was passed in mid 2014. It places requirements on school Boards to put child protection policies in place, including in them statements to guide staff to identify and report child abuse and neglect. Relevant material is available at www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz.

Sleepover Issue – Information for Proprietors of Boarding Houses/Hostels

Following legal advice received, Proprietors of integrated schools with boarding houses/hostels have recently received advice on what approach to take to employment matters. Any school that has been approached by the Food and Service Workers Union is advised to alert lawyers Richard Harrison or Gretchen Stone of Harrison Stone, and to alert Pat Lynch at the APIS Office.

Recalculation of Schools' Decile Ratings

New deciles and associated funding rates will be advised by the end of November 2014. Schools which will receive a higher funding rate will get this rate from the beginning of 2015. Schools which will go to a lower decile rate will move half way to their lower rate in mid-2015, and the rest of the way in mid-2016. Questions can go to decile.reviews@minedu.govt.nz.

"Happiness is the one thing that can be chosen for itself. Everything else is chosen for the sake of happiness."

Aristotle



Congratulations to:**Congratulations to Schools and Individuals****Otago, Southland Regions:**

Verdon College, Invercargill: Kate Harrington was the recipient of the 2014 Rotary Youth Merit Award.

St Peter's College, Gore: Liam Davis won twelve awards in the National Bird Show.

St Kevin's College, Oamaru: Kaleisha Jones reached the National Finals of the New Zealand Lions Club Young Speechmaker Competition. The school has developed an international-sized equestrian arena and introduced an equine course, which will enable it to undertake industry-related training. Students can participate at every level

Canterbury, South Canterbury and West Coast Regions:

Roncalli College Timaru: The school featured on TV One news when local businessman Hayden Vaughan gave 100 copies of Sir John Kirwan's book '*All Blacks Don't Cry*' to the school, which then created a programme on mental wellbeing, to be taught to every Year 10 student. Tom Anderson represented New Zealand at the Asia Pacific Final of the FedEx/J.A. International Trade Challenge in Hong Kong; he was also chosen as the Young Enterprise Student Ambassador.

John Paul II High School, Greymouth: Freya Johnson made it through to the national finals of the Smokefree Rockquest for her lyrics to the tune "Twenty Four."

Villa Maria College, Christchurch: Sarah MacDonald and Laura Siryj took part in the Language Perfect Championships where Sarah was 5th worldwide and Laura was 13th for French, out of more than 50,000 competitors. At the Canterbury SPACIFICALLY Pacific Events Catherine Petaia was awarded the Supreme Award and named as the top female academic.

Middleton Grange School, Christchurch: is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

St Thomas of Canterbury College, Christchurch: Brayden Drummond competed at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland. Year 13 students worked with the Edmund Rice Justice Aotearoa Trust to develop and launch the first ever Youth in Custody Index, which provides information and research about youth in care and protection and justice facilities. It will be updated annually by the Edmund Rice secondary schools of NZ.

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

Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt: Laura Whitefield, Channelle Doole, Madison Akin, Jade Carrasco, Ricki-Jane Heyburn, Kyra Thomson, Awhina Tapiki, Megan Kortink and Harriet Willis received their gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Government House.

Hadlow School, Masterton: After spending several years developing collaborative learning models and becoming hub-based, the school is now the first in the

greater Wellington region to open a retro-fitted modern learning environment. A retro-fit for the junior block will be completed next year.

Garin College, Nelson: has installed a solar module system. It covers 40% of the technology building's roof and produces about 18 kilowatts of power per day. Principal John Boyce hopes to incorporate solar technology into science and technology curriculums.

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

St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford: was selected as a pilot school for a Ministry of Education project to accelerate literacy learning. The school is trialling a new tool to assess student progress and will also trial and evaluate techniques that are believed to rapidly accelerate reading skills.

Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton: Emily Joe was selected as a violinist in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra.

St John's College, Hastings: Jake Ireland and Sam Heaven won silver medals in the 2014 National Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge.

St Joseph's Maori Girls' College, Napier: Herakorama Takuira won the secondary schools section of the NZ Post Library Bookmark Design Competition.

Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth: Felix Webby and Daniel Chow received gold certificates at the Science World Championships.

Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth: Harriet Burrell, Georgia Byrne, Katie Coplestone, Emma Cox, Bethany Gibbs, Scarlett Lawson, Jessica Lockley, Jenna McLachlan, Madison Scott and Meika Watson-Burrows won the 2014 Geography Research Competition – a New Zealand Geographical Society National Competition on Resilience.

Hato Paora College, Feilding: Sonny McLean was part of the winning team at Te Wero Pakihi (The Business Challenge), a five day workshop organised by the Māori Women's Development Incorporation, aimed at inspiring Young Māori students to pursue a career in business.

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

John Paul College, Rotorua: Jessie Colbert was selected as a double bass player in the NZSO Youth Orchestra.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Cambridge: the school featured in the Education Gazette on 22 September 2014, because of its innovative programme to ensure students wear sunglasses outside, to protect their eyes.

Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton: Melissa Petrin and Hannah Ralph won silver medals in the 2014 National Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge.

Wesley College, Paerata: the school has just celebrated its 170th anniversary. It is New Zealand's oldest school, and the first school to be integrated into the state system.

Northland and Auckland Regions:

St Mary's College, Auckland: The school celebrated its 150th anniversary on 20-21 September. Student Sarah Poulter is the seventh generation of her family to attend St Mary's, with her earliest ancestor attending the school when it was initially run out of St Patrick's Cathedral, before the school moved to Ponsonby 150 years ago. For the NZ Cancer Society Daffodil Day 30 year 12 students pinned 10,000 fabric daffodils onto large nets to create a canopy which was then erected along the Durham Street East and Queen Street intersection. Kayla Nash attended a month long international Village Camp with CISV, in Barcelona, Spain, a multilingual and multicultural experience for 11-12 year olds, about building global citizens.

Elim Christian College, Auckland: Aaron Keesing and Joy Britten received A+ in their MAX course – University of Auckland 1st year Acceleration and Extension Mathematics. Aaron placed third out of more than 80 top mathematic students enrolled at the University of Auckland. Annie Fung represented NZ at the World Championship of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, winning three individual medals and two team medals. Matthew Warner and Aaron Keesing won 2nd place at the Robocup Junior New Zealand Robotics Competition. Harry Adams was awarded a Professional Circus Scholarship. Eighteen students and four teachers went on the school's eighth trip to the Holy Land in the holidays, and four students attended the second missions trip to Thailand. The college was awarded a Sanitarium Senior Scholarship for its outstanding efforts in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine 2014.

De La Salle College, Mangere East: The Nesian Kings made it through to the National finals at the Smokefree Pacifica Beats Competition. The college choir was chosen to perform at the Auckland Museum for the commemoration of the occupancy of German Samoa.

Liston College, Henderson: Alphaeus Ang and Michael Hoffman received Top Honours in the NZ Mathematical Olympiad.

Baradene College, Auckland: Hannah Twomey has been selected as First Bassoon for the KBB Honours Orchestra. Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien had a poem published in the latest Philnews for Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

St Mary's School, Papakura: As part of Māori Language week the school had a visit by the kapa haka group from James Cook High School. Māori TV filmed the event and played it on the Māori TV news bulletin.

Te Kura O Hata Maria, Pawarenga: The school won the inaugural HP Rural Schools competition, and will receive \$10,000 worth of new technology.

McAuley High School, Otahuhu: Senior students established ASO (Adolescents Speaking Out) Collective, a group that practises performance poetry. The group won the first Auckland secondary school spoken word competition earlier this year, and, as a result, will go to Brisbane to perform and attend workshops with international poets. Annonica Mavaega, Rebecca Sang Yum and Roimata Prendergast also performed on Auckland buses for National Poetry Day.

St Peter's College, Auckland: recently celebrated its 75th Jubilee.

A Notable Career

Tom Gerrard, Principal of Rosmini College, Takapuna, Auckland, is to retire after completing 38 years as principal of the college, an all-time record for the principalship of a secondary school in New Zealand. Gratitude is expressed to him for the wonderful contribution he has made to the school, and to education in New Zealand.

CPTED – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

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Police and the Ministry of Education have been working on this international concept for several years, and are promoting it for schools. Murray's Bay School is using CPTED principles, and Khandallah School is using CPTED's advice on road safety. Proprietors and Boards of Trustees are advised that CPTED is worth investigating. Police and Ministry of Education are hoping to develop more resources for schools to consider how to improve the indoor and outdoor environment so as to reduce opportunities for crimes such as theft and vandalism.

NZ Parent Teacher Association New Initiative

NZPFA's new initiative, "Give me 5," makes it easy for parents who might not otherwise connect with the school to volunteer five hours of service to their school per year. Leaflets are available from nzpta.org.nz, or see www.givemefive.org.nz.



"No, an aptitude test is not a test on your cell phone app knowledge."

Neonatal Trust Resources for Schools

In association with World Prematurity Day on 17 November, the Neonatal Trust is holding its first national awareness campaign. Resources and lesson plans have been prepared for schools. See www.neonataltrust.org.nz/schoolsoverview for information.

Did You Know?

- 11% of people are left-handed.
- New Zealand has more bookshops per capita than any other country - one for every 7,500 people.
- At 328m high, the Sky Tower in downtown Auckland is the tallest free-standing structure in the southern hemisphere, and offers 360deg views for more than 80km.
- According to Statistics New Zealand, New Zealand's population is growing at its fastest rate for over a decade. In the year to 30 June 2014 our population grew by 67,800 people, or 1.5%. NZ's estimated resident population was 4.51 million at 30 June 2014.

Toss 'n Talk-About® Anti-Bullying Ball

A 61cm inflatable ball made of heavy duty PVC featuring talking points and questions like "Name something you could do to discourage a bully." Is available at Quality Life NZ.

To see this and the full range of balls and resources available visit www.qualitylifeonline.co.nz or email qualitylife@hotmail.com. Linda Hoogenboom, a qualified Diversional Therapist, developed these resources.

Feuerstein Institute Training Courses in NZ

Feuerstein Institute training programmes using cognitive development intervention techniques for students with learning disabilities will next be available in NZ in January 2015. For more information or to enrol in a course go to www.nzfeuerstein.org

An Idea worth Thinking About

The school principal could table all ERO national reports at the Board of Trustees meeting, ask for BOT questions at the following meeting, and two months later could report to the BOT on actions taken as a result.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

(Popularly attributed to William Butler Yeats)



KONICA MINOLTA

It Makes You Think!

"Adolescent mice drank more alcohol when they were tested with their "friends" in the cage than when they were tested alone." (Developmental psychologist Laurence Steinberg, quoted in the Listener, September 27 2014). Steinberg, in his book, *The Age of Opportunity*, stresses the neuroplasticity of adolescent brains, which has major implications for parents and students.

Our Futures Te Pae Tāwhiti

The Royal Society of New Zealand has produced a useful booklet on the 2013 census and New Zealand's changing population. Go to www.royalsociety.org.nz/our-futures or contact info@royalsociety.org.nz.

Congratulations

To Rolleston Christian School Establishment Board of Trustees for all their hard work over the last six years finally coming to fruition with the Minister of Education signing the Integration Agreement.

Connected

The rollout of fast internet to schools is running ahead of schedule and it is expected that more than 900 schools will be connected to Network for Learning (N4L) by the end of the year (the target was only 700). All participating schools are expected to be connected to the Managed Network by the end of 2016. An interactive map of all participating schools can be viewed at www.n4l.co.nz/managednetwork/rollout



"Yes, Frank. I'm sure you can make 200 words out of just 26 letters"

Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia ū!

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