

Editorial

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Pathway To Peace

The United Nations Secretary General recently stated that the world is currently witnessing an array of regional conflicts which is greater than any other period in the 70 years of the history of the organisation.

At times when we wake up in the morning and attend to the news of the day, it can be tempting to become discouraged and lose hope that humanity can ever become more peaceful.

No matter what our personal religious or philosophical views may be, it is important to keep in mind that we live in an interconnected world where no one person is going to bend history, yet collectively we can all do it. It is an issue where again we can say with confidence, "One of us is never as strong as all of us."

Over fifty years ago the USA President John F Kennedy had this to say about the Cold War challenges of his time, "First: Let us examine our attitude toward peace itself. Too many of us think it is impossible. Too many think it unreal. But that is a dangerous, defeatist belief. It leads to the conclusion that war is inevitable, that mankind is doomed, that we are gripped by forces we cannot control. We need not accept that view. Our problems are man-made, therefore, they can be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings." Echoing FD Roosevelt in the depths of the Great Depression, he also said, "None of our problems are beyond a solution if we overcome fear, which is the greatest obstacle of all."

As members of the Integrated schools community of New Zealand we are able to reach across every divide in our global society: racial, religious, economic, class and so on, and work towards solving the discord in the world by being people of hope and people of action.

Thank you for the wonderful contribution you make to ensure all of our Integrated Schools' young people experience a quality education.

Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and a bright 2016.

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- ② Consultation on Review of Education Act under Way
- ③ ERO Contracted to Carry Out Appraisal Audits for the Education Council

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.

40th Anniversary of Private Schools Conditional Integration Act

The PSCI Act, a ground breaking piece of legislation, was passed into law on 9th October 1975. We congratulate all integrated schools, their Proprietors and the Government, on the successful journey of those 40 years.

Investing in Educational Success Communities of Schools

The Ministry of Education has published a guide for schools and kura on setting up a Community of Schools/Community of Learning. Go to www.education.govt/ies-communities-of-schools for information.

PM's Education Excellence Awards Open

Early childhood services and schools are urged to enter the PM's Education Excellence Awards. Entries close on 18th March 2016. Details are at www.pmawards.education.govt.nz/enter/.

Consultation on Review of Education Act under Way

The Minister of Education has launched consultation prior to the framing of a Bill to amend the Education Act. Information is available at www.education.govt.nz/education-act-update. Consultation closes on 14th December.

Health and Safety at Work Act

NZSTA is providing excellent professional development to support Boards in their preparations for the implementation of the Act, and is regularly providing updates in STANews. Also, visit www.nzsta.org.nz/accountability/health-and-safety. NZCEO is working with the Ministry of Education to develop advice and guidance for Proprietors.

Food Act 2014 Update

While the Food Act comes into force on 1st March 2016 for new businesses schools will have a transition period from 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018. Go to <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-act-2014/where-do-i-fit/> for more information.

Dr Graham Stoop Appointed as Chief Executive of the Education Council

Dr Graham Stoop QSO is congratulated on his appointment to the position of Chief Executive of the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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

St Peter's College, Gore: Jenny Mitchell was selected as the opening act for the Warratahs concerts, playing in Oamaru, Lake Hawea and Queenstown. Aaron Meikle passed his Intermediate Gold Jazz Dance NZ Hip Hop exam with Special Merit, the highest grade achievable.

St Hilda's Collegiate School, Dunedin: Helen Knott won the NCEA Level 1 category of the National Spanish Speech Competition, with a 98% score.

Canterbury, South Canterbury and West Coast Regions:

Middleton Grange School, Christchurch: Linda Nherera, singing a song she composed, won the African Youth Talent Show. Eva Maffey was selected to lead the NZ delegation of 21 pupils to The Hague International Model United Nations, Netherlands, at the end of the year. Abby Button won Westfield's Fashion Collective National Competition.

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

St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie: Con Anima choir won a silver award at the Big Sing Nationals. Brendan Sullivan auditioned and gained a place in New Zealand Opera's production of Puccini's Tosca. The Barbershop Quartet "Fourth Inversion," consisting of Charlie Winn, Ben Anderson, Stefan Filipaina and Justin Espinas, were the winners of the NZ Secondary Schools Young Men in Harmony Barbershop event.

St Mary's College, Wellington: Sophie Kane, Catherine Su and Christina Sami were winners of the inaugural TechHub CREST Challenge for their cell phone app. Zoe Ferguson's short film "Bridge of Revenge," which she wrote and directed, won the 2015 Deaf Short Film Festival. Elizabeth Schumacher made it through to the final of the National Spelling Bee Championship. Jessica Reicher is to be published in the NZ Poetry Society's 2015 Anthology.

St Benedict's School, Khandallah: Sarah Scott won the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching prize for her project 'Do pH levels in the water affect pH levels on the eel's skin?'

Garin College, Nelson: Philip Gibson and Peije Hollander-Fahie won the drama section of the Briefs Film Festival with their film titled 'Void'. Nick Erasmus and Jake Robinson have been accepted into the Young Shakespeare Company to attend the Globe Theatre in London next year where they will represent New Zealand.

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

St John's College, Hastings: At the New Zealand National Culinary Fare run by the New Zealand Chefs' Association, Sam Heaven won three gold medals, Daniel Moss won a gold and a silver, Jakob Dawson won two golds and Daniel Kelly won a gold and a silver medal. Daniel Kelly has also been selected as the Tukituki Youth MP.

Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth: Anne-Sophie Issah won the Soroptomist International New Plymouth 50th Anniversary Scholarship.

Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth: Dominic Jaquemard has been selected for the 2015 National Secondary Schools' Brass Band. The school raised \$18,000 for Starlit HOPE, a charity dedicated to assisting children in hospital and their families. Learn more at www.facebook.com/gabbysstarlit hope.

St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford: Alyxandra Devlin was a finalist in the National Schools Poetry Award for 2015, organised by Victoria University of Wellington's International Institute of Modern Letters (IIML). XXI Anglicus, a film on how war altered the normality of Stratford life, won second prize in the Yr 11-13 category of the Their Stories, Our Stories school competition.

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

Campion College, Gisborne: Keitha Taylor won the People's Choice IHC Art Award. Liam and Ronan Wallace won the National Smokefree Pacifica Beats award in the solo/duo category, and also took out the Lyric Writers Award.

St Patrick's School, Te Awamutu: Harry Walkinshaw achieved the top Kiwi Mathlete award on the 5th July, scoring the most points of any New Zealand student on Athletics to date.

John Paul College, Rotorua: Loren Skudder-Hill represented NZ as a Youth Ambassador to the United Nations 70th General Assembly in New York; she addressed an audience of diplomats and global leaders regarding two research papers she had submitted on youth and the environment and their relationship to the global economy and marketplace. Loren was also offered internship positions at United Nations Development Programme Offices in Geneva and New York, as well as roles at the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin. Sarah Kolver won first place and overall winner out of 350 entries, in the Margaret Mahy Starlight Poetry and Essay Competition.

Northland and Auckland Regions:

De La Salle College, Mangere: Renato Pitesa was the sole Pacific Island representative for NZ to attend the Asia Science Camp in Patumthani, Thailand. The school received 24 square metres of solar panelling and the latest Tesla Battery technology as a result of the Vector Future of Energy Promotion.

St Dominic's Catholic College, Auckland: Lucy Li was a winner in this year's Barfoot & Thompson Young Authors Challenge with her story 'Black Cats Venture.'

Baradene College, Remuera: Ina Repizo and Alanah Price were accepted into the NZ Ukelele Festival Youth Development Squad. The College Concert Band won a silver placing at the National Concert Band Festival.

Liston College, Henderson: Israel Alfante won the NZ Association of Language Teachers (NZALT) student competition 2015.

Sacred Heart College, Glen Innes: Aaron Dahmen won the national final of the United Nations Speech Competition. Jake Kelly-Hulse was a finalist in the National Schools Poetry Award for 2015, organised by Victoria University of Wellington's International Institute of Modern Letters (IIML).

Carmel College, Auckland: Isobella Nicholls, Year 10, was crowned National Spelling Bee Champion, her last word to conquer for spelling supremacy was meritocracy!

Marist College, Auckland: Shirali Kamath won a Senior Bronze Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition for 2015.

St Peter's College, Epsom: During Māori Language week the school made it 'cool to korero', with boys learning some of today's most common teenage expressions in Māori, in a school-made video.

New Director Appointed to Lead NZCER

Congratulations to Graeme Cosslett who was recently appointed Director and Chief Executive of NZCER. Graeme joined NZCER in 2008 working in product development and supporting school assessment practices.

Minister of Education Launches OECD Education Report

In Paris recently, Hon Hekia Parata launched the OECD report 'Schooling Redesigned: Towards Innovative Learning Systems'. The invitation to launch the report shows the high esteem in which New Zealand's education system is held internationally.

Effective Governance Supporting Pasifika Success Information for School Boards of Trustees 2013

Boards of Trustees are reminded of this Ministry of Education document, which would be useful as part of any school's strategic planning.

Congratulations on Election to NZPF National Executive

Kay Tester, Principal of St Brigid's School, Wellington, is congratulated on being elected to the NZ Principals' Federation National Executive, effective from 1st January 2016.

Schools Work to Connect with Business Mentors

Congratulations to integrated school principals Jane Reddish, St Pius X School, Titahi Bay, Elmer Breedt, Seventh Day Adventist School, Tawa, and Rose Sawaya, Bishop Viard College, Porirua, for their work in connecting school leaders with business mentors. They are involved in a western Porirua cluster which aims to get schools and communities, including local business leaders, working together for the welfare of schools and their students. They will travel to Auckland in November to meet people involved in the work of the Springboard Trust and learn how it is helping schools.

Worth Reading

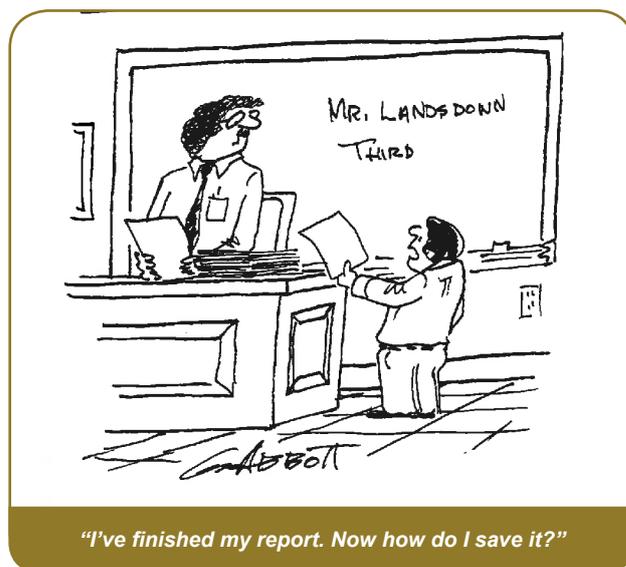
- 'Quiet the Mind' by Matthew Johnstone, an illustrated guide on how to meditate. This is an interesting read, simple and useful for both adults and students. See www.matthewjohnstone.com.au
- 'Justice & Action (Just Act) Booklet' from the Presbyterian Church, focuses on contemporary issues such as child poverty and family violence. For a copy of this booklet phone 04 801 6000 or email office@presbyterian.org.nz

The Poverty and Justice Bible

A reminder to buy your Poverty and Justice Bible, and simultaneously provide a free copy to a person or a group who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Contact Stephen Opie at SOpie@biblesociety.org.nz. For more information go to www.povertyandjustice.nz.

Trans-Tasman Education Project

New Zealand and Australia will partner to explore how innovative learning environments can enhance teaching. The Ministry of Education and at least six New Zealand schools will participate in the four-year Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change project. Professor John Hattie, former Professor of Education at Auckland University and currently Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute, is part of the project leadership team.



RERG - Rural Educational Reference Group

- RERG now has a social media presence on Facebook: RERG – Rural Educational Reference Group.
- The New Zealand Principals' Federation has made 'Rural Matters' a major work stream led by Karen Brisco and has initiated conversations with rural and remote principals about the complexities and rewards of being a principal in a rural setting.
- Rick Powdrell said in a recent Federated Farmers Report to RERG that the levels of stress some farmers are operating under could well result in children presenting behaviour not usually pertaining to that child in the school environment. It is important that school staff equate these behaviours to the possible home pressures and act accordingly. It may be necessary to contact other groups such as the local Rural Support Trust, Rural Woman or some other agency to ensure the right people are linked to the family to assist in difficult times.

"If you believe in what you're saying, if you believe in what you're doing, you'll be more effective, more passionate and more authentic in everything you do."

Seth Goldman

Police and Education Partnership Update

- A police-schools engagement cycle is being developed, which places emphasis on school safety and a communication system between schools and police where communication is open and transparent, sharing information, and developing 'better than before practice.' A current piece of work, instigated initially by NZCEO is updated information on school lockdowns.
- 'Safer Kids Together' is a recent video on school community policing. <https://youtu.be/MRqVPreuQGY> demonstrates why and how police officers work with schools and the benefits of such partnerships.

Recent Education Review Office National Reports

Educationally Powerful Connections with Parents and Whānau (November 2015)

How do Leaders Support Improvement in Pacific Early Childhood Services? (July 2015)

Creative Commons

Boards of Trustees are reminded that they should register with Creative Commons to ensure that teachers have appropriate ownership of work they create during their employment with the school. The free licences provided by Creative Commons enable New Zealand teachers to legally share their copyright resources by giving a range of permissions in advance. To find out more go to www.creativecommons.org.nz/ccinschools/. NZSTA also provides information.

ERO Contracted to Carry Out Appraisal Audits for the Education Council

ERO will audit and moderate appraisals for at least 10% of practising certificates each year, mostly as part of education reviews. See www.ero.govt.nz/Review-Process/Education-Council-Audit. In May 2014 ERO published a series of national

"The future belongs to those who give the next generation reasons for hope."

Teilhard de Chardin



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evaluations about board employment responsibilities in a folder entitled Employment and Appraisal. BOTs may wish to revisit this material, which can be downloaded from the ERO website.

High Teacher Satisfaction

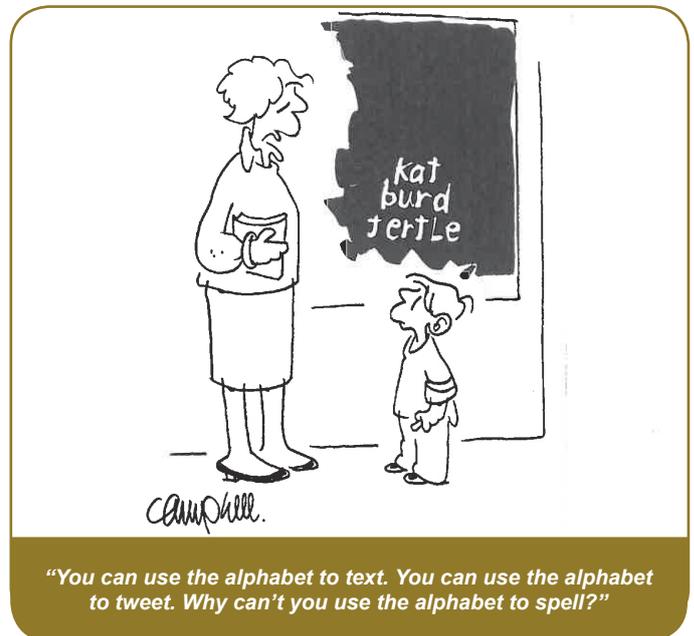
A Teaching and Learning International Survey shows 90% of New Zealand teachers who teach Year 7 – 10 students and 95% of their principals are satisfied with their jobs. Teachers care deeply about student welfare with 99% agreeing with the statement that "most teachers in this school believe that the students' wellbeing is important" and 98% agreed that "in this school, teachers and students usually get along well with each other".

Did You Know?

Statistics New Zealand says that the wealthiest 1% of NZers (about 34,000 adults) have nearly a fifth of all the wealth in NZ. The wealthiest 10% (about 340,000 adults) have more than half. The poorest half of the country (about 1.7 million adults) have only 3.8% of the wealth.

Global Education Leaders' Partnership (GELP) in Auckland, 22-24 November

Academics, business leaders, philanthropist, educators and think tanks will meet in Auckland in November, to focus on education system transformation.



Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia ū!

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