

### Editorial

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One of the greatest gifts adults are able to bequeath to the next generation is the virtue of hope, and with it the abiding value of resilience.

Increasing numbers of the population advocate simplistic solutions to complex issues and seek to protect themselves from the harsh realities of the world, often by mouthing slogans or developing a culture of complaint.

This is where schools that have great teachers come into the picture. Effective principals and teachers are the ones who inspire their students, not simply engage them, even though the ability to engage them is where one starts.

Teachers who inspire are professionals in their subject matter and the way they go about their teaching. They pick up the nuances of student questions, have a wide repertoire of techniques and approaches, and are able to cope with the unexpected question and situation. Fundamentally they are enthusiasts!

Over a period of time principals and teachers build up a store of experience, strategies and expertise enabling them to more fittingly respond to the personal learning needs of their charges.

Inspirational principals and teachers have credibility in the eyes of their students who have come to trust them because they are treated properly and they are seen to be performing their work professionally.

Young people have an in built detector which seeks out teachers who they know will give them a good deal. More often than not these are the ones who provide inspiration and are the ones who help shape their entire lives.

Inspiration is such a wonderful gift to pass on to young people. If one thing is required more than anything else in the 21st century it is the power of inspiration – it is the yeast our nation needs and the lifeblood the world is in such desperate need of.

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### Greetings

**Tēnā koutou katoa. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.**

**We wish you well for the upcoming holiday period. The first half of the year has been a challenge for the nation, with particular emphasis on the ongoing issues facing our Christchurch community, who are in need of much rest, relief and encouragement. They can be assured of our unfailing support, prayers, and good will.**

### A Reminder on School Charters

Boards of Trustees are reminded that they have an obligation to provide a copy of their draft school charter to their Proprietor, so that the Proprietor may comment, particularly in relation to Special Character. Boards that did not supply their school charter to the Ministry of Education by 9 June have received a letter from the Secretary for Education requesting that charter documents be lodged with the Ministry by 1 July. The Ministry has acknowledged that some schools in the Canterbury earthquake areas may need further time, and has asked such schools to contact their regional Ministry of Education office.

### New Labour Party Spokespeople for Education

Sue Moroney has been appointed the Labour Party spokesperson for primary and secondary education, and continues to hold the early childhood education portfolio. David Shearer has been appointed spokesperson for the tertiary education sector and continues to hold the research, science and technology portfolio. We wish them well.

### NEiTA Awards Nominations Open

The annual National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Award nominations are now open. Download nomination forms at [www.asg.co.nz](http://www.asg.co.nz), or email [mventer@asg.co.nz](mailto:mventer@asg.co.nz). Nominations close on 31 August 2011. Outstanding teachers and leaders in schools and early childhood services can be nominated by parents, secondary student councils, boards of trustees, management committees and the public. It would be worthwhile if schools encourage nominations.

### Secretary for Education Retiring

Karen Sewell, the Secretary for Education, has announced her retirement. In a recent speech the Associate Minister of Education, Rodney Hide, thanked her for her enormous contribution during the 45 years she has worked in education. He noted her dedication, commitment and passion, and in her role as Secretary he particularly noted her diplomacy, wisdom, humour and energy. APIS would support all of this – in her role as Secretary she has always been committed to the wellbeing of integrated schools and their place in the state system.

**Congratulations to:****Otago, Southland Regions:**

**St Hilda's Collegiate School, Dunedin:** Jasmine Knowles received a top subject scholarship award in the 2010 scholarship examinations. (Visual Arts – Painting)

**John McGlashan College, Dunedin:** Scott Marshall has been selected in the NZ Foundation Youth Pipe Band.

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

**St Bede's College, Christchurch:** Hayden Withers will represent New Zealand at the 15th World Championships for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

**Villa Maria College, Christchurch:** Joanna Casey was selected for the NZ Secondary Schools' Choir. Hannah Watt has been selected to perform at an international dance festival in Prague. Emma Maslin received a St John's Grand Prior's Award from the Governor General.

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

**St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie:** Guy Richardson was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Choir.

**Garin College, Nelson:** Benedict Morrissey has been selected as a member of the NZ team to go to the International Mathematical Olympiad in Amsterdam.

**Sacred Heart School, Petone:** Jack Wilson swam the three kilometres from Somes Island to Petone all on his own.

**St Brigid's School, Tawa:** Principal Kay Tester was one of those written up in a recent Ministry of Education publication 'Educational Leadership in Action'. The document showed how principals are using the educational leadership model described in 'Kiwi Leadership for Principals' in a project they were implementing. Kay used the Ariki Project model.

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

**Sacred Heart College, Napier:** Alixandra Wedd won 4 gold and silver medals at the National Aim to Fame NZ Championships and will represent New Zealand at the Performance Olympics in Los Angeles in July.

**St Anthony's School, Pahiatua:** Hannah Gear received one silver and three bronze medals at the Rock n Roll National Tournament.

**Reigner Catholic School, Napier:** Zarah Otto achieved 2nd place in the National Aquarium Seaweed Poetry Competition.

**St Peter's College, Palmerston North:** Student Elizabeth Begley was the subject of a 'Bright Young Things' article in the Manawatu Standard, focusing on her debating skills and her work in the field of Social Justice.

**St Joseph's Maori Girls' College, Napier:** Alana Broughton won 1st place in the National Aquarium Te Reo Poetry Competition for her entry titled 'Tangaroa'.

**St John's College, Hastings:** Jesse Hape won the National

Aquarium Seaweed Poetry Competition.

**Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings:** 2010 student Shahn Taylor progressed from winning the NZ national science and technology awards in late 2010 to winning 1st place in the engineering section at the 2011 Taiwan International Science Fair for his 6m high micro wind turbine.

**Northland and Auckland Regions:**

**Carmel College, Milford:** Maya Wyatt received 98%, the highest score in New Zealand, for the Trinity Guildhall Grade 4 Musical Theatre Exam. Courtney Dorrington was presented with the Queen's Guide Award by the Governor General.

**Sacred Heart College, Auckland:** James Phemister received a top subject scholarship award in the 2010 scholarship examinations. (Biology).

**Sancta Maria College, Botany:** Shana Llorando's original song is being used to launch this year's AMP Scholarship for Young Achievers.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Howick:** Vivia Cao attained Distinction Grade 1 and Recognition of Excellence 2010 – (highest mark in NZ for Grade 1) from Trinity College, London, for Speech and Drama.

**McAuley High School, Otahuhu:** Selena Tugaga provided first aid assistance to a contractor who was injured whilst working at the Otahuhu Library. Downer Construction Company praised her actions.

**Marist College, Auckland:** Luciane Buchanan has been selected to play Billy T James' daughter in the upcoming film on his life. Zoe Welsh travelled to China as part of the Aotea Youth Symphony Orchestra.

**St Mark's Catholic School, Pakuranga:** Johann Guadalupe won a part in the stage performance of "Miss Saigon".

**Elim College, Botany Downs:** Joshua Warner won a place in the Chemistry Olympiad Training Camp.

**Congratulations to School Shakespeare Winners**

The University of Otago Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare in Schools saw integrated schools well represented as performers and award winners at the national finals in Wellington: Rathkeale/St Matthew's Senior College 5 awards; Garin College, Nelson, 3 awards; John Paul College, Rotorua, St John's College, Hamilton, and Marian College, Christchurch, 2 awards; Bethlehem College, Tauranga, Wesley College, Paerata, Columba College, Dunedin, Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth, 1 award. Along with Champion College, Gisborne and Craighead Diocesan Diocesan School, Timaru, integrated schools made up 14 of the 47 schools in the national finals.

**FedEx Trade Challenge Success**

Jake Mickleson, John Paul College, Rotorua and Sam Mackwell, St Thomas of Canterbury College, Christchurch are among the six students who have been chosen to represent NZ at the 2011 Asia Pacific FedEx / Junior Achievement International Trade Challenge in Bangkok.

## Support for Christchurch Schools

Integrated schools throughout the country extend their ongoing support to the schools and people of Christchurch, as they continue to cope with the continuing earthquakes. This support is real and tangible, and we are aware of how much it means to those in Christchurch.

## Police Education Partnership Agreement

National education sector groups including the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools have developed a partnership agreement with Police Education. The 'Police Education Partnership, uplifting communities, preventing crime together', signals significant new work in Police, to provide more effective communications and actions to support schools. The NZ Police School Profile, which schools will be asked to complete on a voluntary basis, is one of the first elements of this new approach. We applaud this work.

## Honour for Principal Murray Burton

Murray Burton, principal of Elim Christian School in Howick, was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Murray's leadership at the time of the school's drowning tragedy in 2009 was inspiring to us all. Congratulations are offered.

## Seasons for Growth 'Stormbirds' Programme Launched

Seasons for Growth, the national programme for student grief support, has recently launched 'Stormbirds', a programme designed for students who have suffered as a result of the Canterbury earthquakes. Seasons staff will train school personnel to deliver the programme, which is sponsored by Caritas New Zealand. The national contact is Sue Devereux: [s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz).

## Recent ERO publications

Evaluation at a Glance: What ERO Knows about Effective Schools, March 2011.

Working with the National Standards: Raising Student Achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, March 2011.

## Recent Ministry of Education Publications

Resource Teachers: Literacy – Annual Report 2009

Curriculum Implementation Exploratory Studies 2: Final Report

An Evaluation of Network Learning Communities: Summary Report, Main Report, Technical Report

Provision of School Support Services – an evaluation

OECD Review on Evaluation and Assessment Frameworks for

Improving School Outcomes: New Zealand Country Background Report 2010.

All documents are available at [www.educationcounts.govt.nz](http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz), or email [research.info@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:research.info@minedu.govt.nz).

## Charitable Donations Regulations

It may be helpful to remind parents that they can claim 33% back from IRD for donations made to registered charities, including the school and the Proprietor (not Attendance Dues). Full information can be found at [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz).



"Yes, Mr. Nichols, we do encourage parent involvement – but not during test time."

## BES Summaries Circulated

UNESCO's International Academy of Education has provided funding for the development and international distribution of small booklets (Māori and English) summarising the most important messages from some of New Zealand's world-renowned Best Evidence Syntheses, namely Effective Pedagogy in Mathematics and Teacher Professional Learning and Development. These materials have recently been made available to schools. Hard copies of these and other recent BES titles can be order free from [orders@thechair.minedu.govt.nz](mailto:orders@thechair.minedu.govt.nz). These are invaluable resources for New Zealand educators.

## A Good Idea

De La Salle College, Mangere held a lunchtime seminar about training to be a teacher. Publicity for the course went to both parents and students and stressed that teaching is a rewarding and dynamic career, and gives an opportunity to really make a difference for others. It reminded students that foundation programmes are available for those who do not have the academic entry criteria.

## A Worthwhile Website

[www.oxygenfactory.com.au](http://www.oxygenfactory.com.au) provides materials for schools and families to combat depression, suicide, eating disorders, addiction and fatherlessness. The site is worth exploring.

## Did You Know?

In the year to March 2010 NZ achieved foreign exchange earnings of \$58.9 billion, and exported goods to 189 countries.

**"Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall."**

Oliver Goldsmith

**"Action expresses priorities."**

Mahatma Gandhi

### Spotlight on Asia in Schools

Asia New Zealand has developed a Rugby World Cup resource targeted at Level 3 and 4, with a focus on Japan, the only Asian qualifying team. The Japan team may visit Hamilton, Whangarei, North Shore and Napier, and schools in those areas could contact [JChin@asianz.org.nz](mailto:JChin@asianz.org.nz) to request that Janine organise a special event for the school with the team.

### Worth Attending

Professor Vivian Robinson will present a seminar in Wellington on 24-25 August on 'Building Relational Trust: Leadership Relationships that Impact on Student Outcomes'. Book at [www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uacel](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz/uacel).

### Did You Know?

Skype in the Classroom is a free global community created in response to the growing number of teachers using Skype to help their students learn. Find out more at <http://education.skype.com/about>.

### Ultra Fast Broadband Transforming Education System

More than a third of all state and state-integrated schools will be fibre-ready by the end of 2011, with 97% of all schools receiving ultra-fast fibre over the next five years. The remaining 3% of schools will receive a high speed wireless or satellite connection. This will make NZ's education system one of the most wired in the world, and will give schools the capacity for high definition two-way video conferencing.

### Driver's Licence Changes

From 7 August 2011 the minimum driving age will increase from 15 to 16 years old, and from 7 August 2011 under 20s will have zero blood alcohol concentration. Information about these and other changes can be found at [www.nzts.govt.nz](http://www.nzts.govt.nz). Parents can find practical advice at [www.safeteendrivers.co.nz](http://www.safeteendrivers.co.nz)

### ERO and National Standards

This year, as part of each school's education review, ERO is asking how Boards of Trustees, school leaders and teachers are working with the National Standards to raise students' achievement in reading and mathematics. Reviewers will also look at reporting to parents, in plain language, about students' progress and achievement in relation to the National Standards. Overall findings from reviews of all schools from Term 1 to 3 2011 will be aggregated in a national report.

### Boards Spending Funds on Capital Works – a Reminder

Boards of Trustees are reminded of the need to follow due process when contemplating any expenditure relating to capital works with a value of \$5,000 or more. Guidance is available on the MOE website, and in the Catholic Schools Board of Trustees Handbook, on the NZCEO website. Failure to follow due process can result in significant difficulties with school auditors, the MOE or the Office of the Auditor General.

### New Crown Agent for International Education

A new Crown Agent for International Education will be established from 1 September 2011, under Education Amendment Bill (no 4). Education New Zealand will be incorporated into the new entity, which will also have an independent sector advisory committee.



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