



### Editorial

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#### THE HUMAN DESIRE FOR INSPIRATION

*The election of President Barack Obama not only marks a dramatic milestone in American history, it also represents a recurring theme where inspiration provided by a leader taps the aspirations of many millions of people, not only in the United States of America, but elsewhere in the world.*

*If the 21<sup>st</sup> century is calling out for anything it is for leaders, at every level in society, to put before people a vision for the betterment of their world and a challenge to individual action.*

*Despite all the wonderful benefits globalisation is bringing to humanity, there is a crisis of meaning in the lives of huge numbers of people. At rock bottom this represents a breakdown of community, of shared values and vision.*

*Inspiration is not a commonly found commodity. It is, however, found in the behaviour of mentors and achievers. It is also found amongst those who challenge the status quo and show others how they can become ambitious for themselves, their families and for their communities.*

*The human spirit readily recognises virtue over self interest. People will follow leaders who urge them to act differently in order to bring about desired change, even if this involves sacrifice in the service of others. Within this setting excellence and equity of outcomes are complementary concepts.*

*The inaugural address of President Obama, like his acceptance speech in October 2008, has many memorable thoughts that will enrich the spiritual dimension of people. We can all reach into ourselves and provide similar inspirational energy for those around us and galvanise positive change.*

*Life can be trusted; life does make sense and life does have meaning. It is through finding our own inspiration that in turn we will ripple out to others and enable the world to step up several notches in support of the common good of all human beings.*

### Featured in this issue:

- 1 Submission to Government on Capital Funding
- 2 Property Management Handbook for Integrated Schools
- 3 Education (National Standards) Amendment Act 2008

#### Greetings

**Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou**

**In these uncertain times we wish you well and offer our support and good will!**

#### Submission to Government on Capital Funding

The next stage report on capital funding in integrated schools was completed on time, and now sits with the new Government for consideration. NZCEO leadership is continuing to work with Government to seek a successful outcome.

#### Property Management Handbook for Integrated Schools

This Handbook is undergoing final checking, and will be launched later in the year. Each Board of Trustees and its Proprietor will be required to have a joint agreed ten year property plan. Schools without such a plan would be wise to commence working on one as soon as possible.

#### NCEA Religious Studies Achievement Standards now Operative

NZQA has approved Religious Studies Achievement Standards from the beginning of 2009. The Standards are available on the NZQA website. Congratulations are offered to the working party responsible for the Standards, and thanks all those who took part in work to develop the Standards. This is an historic breakthrough.

#### Congratulations to New NZPPTA President

Congratulations are extended Kate Gainsford, the new President of the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association.

#### Tax Rebates for Donations

It may be useful to remind parents that they can claim tax rebates on donations to the school, PTA, the school's Proprietor and other charitable organisations. Donation rebate forms are available online at: [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz). Attendance dues are not charitable donations and cannot be used to claim a tax rebate.

**"More powerful than the march of mighty armies is an idea whose time has come."**

VICTOR HUGO



**Congratulations to:**

**Otago, Southland Regions:**

**John McGlashan College, Dunedin:** In the national final of the Maatangi Whenua Geography Competition, Duncan Wilson, Nat Christensen and Andrew Dysart came 1st as a team, and gained 1st, 2nd and 4th respectively as individuals. William Gibson achieved a range of top placings at the Royal NZ Show, including the Champion Black and Coloured Ewe (fine), the Supreme Champion Black and Coloured Ewe. He also won the junior section of the NZ Young Beef Breeders Youth Show Herdsperson Competition. The Learning and Information Centre won a Public Architecture Prize in the NZ Institute of Architects' Awards. Liam Kernaghan won 4th place Open/A Grade in the NZ Piping Championships, following annual top placings in the age level sections of the championships.

**St Peter's College, Gore:** Alice Wilkins received an International Exhibition Award and Scholarship money from Trinity Guildhall, England, for achieving top mark in NZ in her Grade 6 Speech and Drama Exam.

**St Joseph's School, Queenstown:** Charlotte Ramsey was selected for the choir recording a CD with Andrew Chinn in Auckland.

**Holy Family School, Wanaka:** The school building won a Public Architecture Prize in the NZ Institute of Architects' Awards.

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

**St Bede's College, Christchurch:** Teacher David Green won the Ernest Duncan Award for his mathematics homework initiative that he has established on You-tube. Ben Jones was accepted into the Discovery Awards programme set up by the MacDiarmid Institute (for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology).

**St Thomas of Canterbury College, Christchurch:** Brendon Greene, Year 7, shaved his hair and raised over \$400 for the New Zealand Child Cancer movement. The Young Enterprise Team's 2009 project featured in the February newsletter of the Human Rights Commission. The team is committed to commercial enterprise with a strong emphasis on ethical business and social justice, walking alongside the marginalised in the community.

**John Paul II High School, Greymouth:** The new library has been opened, and will be a shared resource with St Patrick's Primary School. New staff facilities were also opened.

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

**Viard College, Porirua:** Karina Shann and Christina Dodds were selected to accompany Archbishop John Dew at the celebrations in Lyon commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Viard. Tulipaolo Tanoi won the National Samoan Speech Competition.

**St Mary's College, Wellington:** Johanna McDavitt won a Katherine Mansfield Award. Kyla Villabona, Aira Aron, Celina

Capistrano and Tracey Ng won the Enterprise Studies National Award for Innovative Sales and Marketing.

**Hutt International Boys' School:** Oliver Pooke won a place on the National 'Realise the Dream' Programme.

**Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt;** Nika Thomson won a place on the National 'Realise the Dream' Programme.

**St Teresa's School, Karori:** John Paul Lowe appeared in the Royal New Zealand Ballet production of Don Quixote. Karen Villareal was a winner in the international Nickelodeon 'Let's Just Play' initiative.

**St Brigid's School, Johnsonville:** Principal Kay Tester's Quality Learning Circles work, as part of the Kiwi Leadership for Principals scheme, was highlighted in a recent NZ Education Gazette.

**St Brendan's School, Heretaunga:** Harry Poland won a Dominion Post Presto pages competition with a story about his brother.

**St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie:** Tegan Sharp was invited to accompany the SOMANZ (Sharing Ministries Abroad, NZ) Youth Team to Labasa, Fiji.

**St Paul's School, Nelson:** is developing plans to become "a community that knows, promotes and lives human rights and responsibilities." Campion College, Gisborne, and Holy Cross, Papatoetoe are also investigating initiating this concept. Contact the schools, visit [www.rightsined.org.nz](http://www.rightsined.org.nz) or email [ced.simpson@article28.org.nz](mailto:ced.simpson@article28.org.nz) to find out more.

**St Theresa's School, Featherston:** The school's ham radio communication with Nasa's international space station astronaut Mike Fincke featured in the Dominion Post on 21 November 2008. It took the school two years to organise the 10 minutes live conversation.

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

**Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth:** Matthew Westbury went on a two week mission trip, helping to build a rainwater tank in the village of Black Sands, and working with the children. Chas Carroll and Nick Siffleet (class of 2007) volunteered to live and work with the De La Salle Brothers to assist the Wirrimanu indigenous community in Western Australia.

**St Joseph's Māori Girls' College, Taradale:** Former pupil Maia Melbourne graduated from the University of Auckland's Medical School as Top Scholar for 2008. Gina Reed was accepted for the Science Camp at Otago University. Grace Allen and Erana Hosford received Highly Commended citations in the National Ernest Rutherford Memorial Competition run by Canterbury University.

**Lindisfarne College, Hastings:** Jeremy Ennis attended the National World Vision Leadership Course.

**Sacred Heart College, Napier:** Abigail Neave was selected for the Outward Bound School Leaders' Programme.

**St Peter's College, Palmerston North:** Beth Kriechbaum was selected for the NZ Secondary Schools Choir. Jessica Anderson and

Stephanie Shepherd received the Queen's Guide Award at Government House.

St Joseph's School, Hastings: Hamish Williams (Year 8 pupil in 2008) raised and donated \$2,000 to the Santa float petrol money.

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

Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton: 22 Year 13 students passed a 100 level Ethics paper at Waikato University, with Gabrielle Bisschops gaining an A+ pass. Kerry Yardley, Deborah Versluys and Michelle Clark were presented with their Gold Young New Zealander Challenge Awards (Duke of Edinburgh) at Government House.

St Peter Chanel School, Te Rapa: Finley Hughes was selected to dance with the Royal New Zealand Ballet in their Hamilton performances.

### **Northland and Auckland Regions:**

Rosmini College, Takapuna: Tom Holden won the Play it Strange National Song Writing Competition.

St Dominic's College, Henderson: The school prints a regular general knowledge quiz in the school newsletter.

Marist College, Mt Albert: Sam Van Kan won the senior section of the National Young Designer competition. Jessica Rensen had an article published in the College Herald. Christine Lee was the overall winner of the National Chinese Writing Competition.

Hato Petera College, Northcote: Kawerio Kanara received a Fianna Scholarship to attend the Outward Bound 21 Day Mind, Body and Soul course.

McAuley High School, Otahuhu: The school won the Auckland District Health Board Innovative Award for 2008, which recognised the school's work with Auckland Diabetes – the HOPE programme and the McCheetahs programme. Lata Maka and Nomsa Botshiwe received awards at the YWCA annual Future Leaders Celebration.

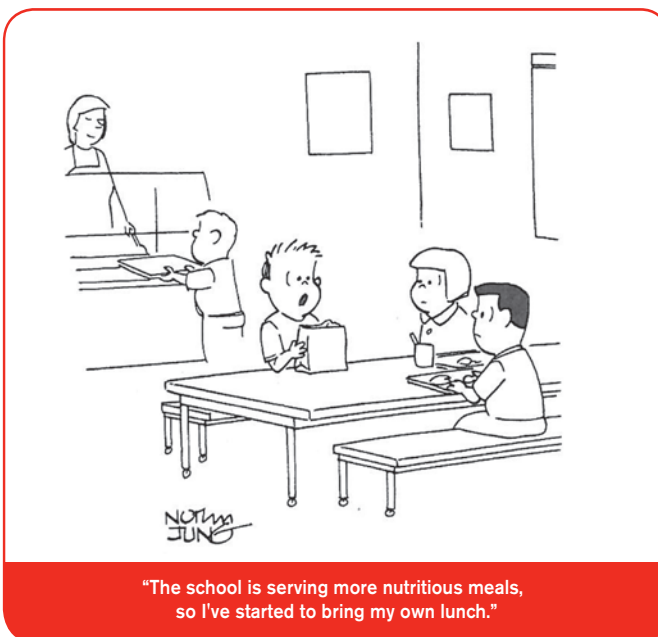
Pompallier College, Whangarei; John McDonald, Year 8, won the Junior Vocal Championship in the New Zealand Aria Competition. He also performed solo at Christmas in the Park.

Baradene College, Remuera: Mia Prkusic won 1<sup>st</sup> place nationwide in the Alliance Francaise Concours Oral (for the third year in a row). Her prize is a trip to France. The documentary film 'Aotea Markets' made by Anita McAndrew, Camille Nicodemus and Jessica Smith received a Highly Commended Award in the National Association of Media Educators' Video Competition.

***"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, be more and become more, you are a leader."***

## **Education (National Standards) Amendment Act 2008**

This Act was passed in December. It is expected that a process of consultation will now be put in place to develop appropriate national standards in numeracy and literacy, and to work towards their implementation in schools. The Act also specifies that school charters must now include the Board of Trustees' aims, objectives, directions, priorities and targets in student achievement.



### **Congratulations**

- Murray Burton, Principal of Elim Christian College, Auckland, was named New Zealander of the Year by North and South Magazine, for his leadership of his college community during their time of tragedy.
- Edwige Fava, the Dean of the Wellington Catholic Education Centre, which runs tertiary courses that many teachers in integrated schools have benefitted from, has been elected president of the New Zealand Association of Private Education Providers.
- Megan Cassidy, Assistant Principal, Villa Maria College, Christchurch has been elected to the New Zealand Teachers Council.

### **Two Reminders**

- We would be grateful if schools with email address changes notify NZCEO, so that we can keep our records up to date.
- Information for the 'Congratulations' section of our newsletter comes mainly from the newsletters that schools send us. If you do not already do so, please put us on the list to receive regular copies of your newsletter, by post, fax or email. We would love to share your successes with the rest of the community of integrated schools.

### **Changes to ERO Review Cycles**

From March 1st, ERO will move onto a more flexible review cycle, with schools that have performed consistently well being placed on a 4-5 year cycle.

## Carrousel Theatre Language Learning Tour

Australian company Carrousel Theatre will tour New Zealand schools in May, with puppet shows in French, German and Italian, suited to various levels of language learners. Visit [www.carrousel.com.au](http://www.carrousel.com.au), or email [enquiries@carrousel.com.au](mailto:enquiries@carrousel.com.au).

## Sharing Best Practice

Visiting Canadian educationist Michael Fullan stresses that sharing best practice between schools is crucial. A focus on good teaching and learning, with good interventions for students and schools, is the key to a top performing education system. Current New Zealand collaborative initiatives were featured in the NZ Education Gazette of 27 October 2008.

## Details from the 2006 Census

- More than half the people with Pacific ethnicity living in NZ were born in NZ.
- 67% of Pacific people live in Auckland; only 7% live in the South Island.
- The median age for Pacific people is 21, compared with 36 for the NZ population overall.
- 89% of Pacific people aged 15-64 are in the labour force.
- The median annual income for Pacific adults was \$20,500 in 2006, compared with \$24,400 for NZers overall.

## School Leadership Resource

'School Leadership and Student Outcomes: Identifying What Works and Why' is a new resource package developed by Professor Viviane Robinson from the Best Evidence Synthesis on educational leadership. Order by emailing [uaslc@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:uaslc@auckland.ac.nz).

## Life Education Trust Independently Evaluated

An independent research evaluation by NZCER of the effectiveness of Life Education has found that it makes an important difference to children's health in NZ. Students, teachers and school leaders all



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"What do you expect? My edition of the math book doesn't have the answers in it like yours does."

ranked Life Education extremely highly, and 97% of teachers said that they gained new ideas for teaching, from watching a Life Education session.

## Asia-NZ News, and Forums for Teachers

Visit [www.asianz.org.nz](http://www.asianz.org.nz) to keep up with information about forum dates this month, Asia Aware Grants, and links to other useful information. To go on the mailing list for schools email [jchin@asianz.org.nz](mailto:jchin@asianz.org.nz).

## 'Hope is our Song – Peace, Justice, Creation' Conference

The New Zealand Hymnbook Trust national conference will take place at Labour Weekend 2009, in Palmerston North. Register your interest, and request further details, at [info@hymns.org.nz](mailto:info@hymns.org.nz).

## Did You Know?

- China has 1.3 billion people, more than four times the population of the USA.
- About 600 million Chinese live on US\$2 a day or less.
- China has more than 200 million students in primary and middle schools, and about 80% of these students live in rural areas.

## Kia kaha, kia māia, kia ū!

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