



Editorial

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As we farewell the year 2011 it will be long remembered for the serious issues which emerged from the Christchurch earthquakes: the loss of life, devastating destruction of property, including many of our schools and churches, and of course the personal suffering and pressures undergone by Christchurch's people.

The international financial problems the world is still facing will also be long remembered.

Despite these mega issues and plenty of others, our 340 integrated schools have not lost their hope or their strong spirit. This is a credit to the strong spiritual framework that envelopes each school.

Integrated schools received a public boost with the publishing of positive feature articles in the July/August edition of Metro Magazine and the November edition of North and South magazine. Both articles highlighted the special character dimension of our schools, which is the foundation of their overall success.

The public praise is a credit to our Proprietors, Boards of Trustees, principals and staff, who work hard to deliver the special character difference of each school.

From a school's philosophy to its standards and practices, everything contributes to giving young people an experience of the upfront special character uniqueness, religious or philosophical, of our schools.

THANK YOU, for the hard work and dedication you bring to your role with our schools. Each of you has touched eternity in some way as you have gone about your tasks with students and their families.

2012 will bring its unique challenges - we will be ready for them, and will handle them with hope in our hearts.

Bruce Springsteen said, "We had better start saving up for what money can't buy." Each of you can say with pride that you are well on the way to doing this.

On behalf of our Proprietors and the APIS/ NZCEO office we wish you well for the Christmas/New Year period and trust you have a good rest before starting into the 2012 academic year.

A very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2012 to all.

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."

Irish Proverb

Greetings

Tēnā koutou - ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou

We wish you every blessing as you prepare for Christmas and the summer vacation.

Proposed Review of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act

The Ministry of Education is to undertake with the Office a review of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act, which has now been in operation for 35 years. While the essential foundations of the Act will not be changed, some operational aspects of the Act could be reframed to better suit today's context. The review is likely to take place in 2012.

School Hostels and the Sleepovers Ruling

Following the Appeal Court decision on the IHC sleepover staff wages case, NZSTA, SPANZ and APIS are to hold a joint meeting on 13th December, with appropriate legal and Ministry of Education personnel, to seek a way forward. Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

NZCEO Website Refreshed

www.nzceo.org.nz has a new look. We encourage you to visit it.

Congratulations to Schools and Individuals

Congratulations to Proprietors, trustees, principals and staff on the wonderful work you are doing, as reflected in the November edition of North and South magazine.

St Kevin's College, Oamaru: Albert Hailes was awarded the Spirit of Adventure Trust Captain's Award.

John McGlashan College, Dunedin: Scott Marshall, Matthew Barton, James Wansink, Lisa Adie and Kate Spencer were selected for the NZ Youth Pipe Band. Scott, Lisa and Kate also went to Canada on solo piping and drumming scholarships. Jamie Band has been offered a place at MIT (USA) on the basis of his predicted IB grades. Will Gibson will represent NZ at the World Hereford Conference in Calgary (stock management and judging).

St James School, Aranui: The school featured on TVNZ news, receiving windup/solar powered torch/radio/cell phone chargers from the New Zealand Red Cross.

St Joseph's School, Papanui: Saraya Martin McKenzie has been awarded her Guides Aotearoa Badge.

Villa Maria College, Christchurch: Madison Williams was awarded 2nd place in the NZ History Teachers' National Young Historians Competition.

Bishop Viard College, Porirua: Troy Setefano, CJ Smith, Vailahi Vaoese and George Setefano won the Australasian Association of Male Barbershop Singers schools' title in Brisbane.

St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie: Violinist Gabrielle Armstrong-Scott performed in the National Youth Orchestra with Plácido Domingo in Christchurch.

Cardinal McKeefry School, Wilton: Cate Hensen won the Elsie Locke writing prize.



St Joseph's School, Picton: The school has been approached by ERO to be in an upcoming publication, as the small school with the best practice nationwide in the implementation of National Standards.

Garin College, Nelson: Sam Harrison and Jack Oakley will represent NZ at the Fire Cadets Competition in Australia. Tina Yun has been selected for the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ Young Shakespeare Company 2012.

St Joseph's School, Levin: The school choir recorded a programme for Praise Be, to be broadcast in November.

Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth: Nick Hopkins received an award from Volunteering New Plymouth at a Volunteering Recognition Awards Evening. At the NZ National Concert Band Festival the 'Fusion' concert band, made up of FDMC and Sacred Heart Girls' College students, won gold. FDMC's jazz combo won gold, and the 2 Early 2 Jam Band won silver.

Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth: Cervantée Wild is to be part of an advisory group for the Centenary of the First World War Programme. Ashleigh Fromont won the U18 category of the Knights of the Southern Cross Religious Writing Competition.

Our Lady of Lourdes School, Palmerston North: Deputy principal Jody Hayes received the CORE Education Award for Professional Learning and Reflective Practice, for her student voice and student choice project.

Rosmini College: James Finlay won 1st place in the Knights of the Southern Cross Religious Writing Competition. Vincent Phua, Dominic Light and Matthew Brunton attended World Youth Day in Madrid and were chosen to walk with the Pope at the Opening Ceremony. Vincent presented a gift to the Pope.

Carmel College, Milford: Victoria Miller received her Queen's Guide Award.

St Anne's Catholic School, Manurewa: Teisa Semisi won the Champion of Champions Competition in the Auckland Primary Principals' Speech Competition.

School Coaching

Bernard Fitzgibbon, principal of St John's Primary School, Mairangi Bay, Auckland, has recently set up a website and a Facebook page on school coaching, to assist in developing the coaching capacity of teachers and schools.

Visit www.schoolcoaching.co.nz to learn more.

St Bede's History Published

St Bede's College is congratulated on the publication of its centenary history, Faith of our Fathers. Copies can be obtained from Tina McKay 03 375 0647 x 828 or:

tmckay@stbedes.school.nz.

New Jackets for School Traffic Safety Teams

New Zealand Police have recently provided improved safety jackets to all School Traffic Safety Teams. The new jackets are made from lightweight material for summer conditions and have a ¾ sleeve for increased visibility.



"While we have time, let us do good to all people."

Galatians 6:10

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