



Editorial

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The new school year provides an opportunity to reflect on the way education is delivered in our classrooms.

From time to time parents ask teachers and principals why factual information that broadens children's general knowledge base is apparently no longer emphasized in today's education.

Knowledgeable people are interesting people. They can carry on conversations that get away from the trivial and the banal; they know their way around.

Trustees, principals and teachers may want to reflect on this issue, because if we accept that a teacher is the equalizer in the classroom, there is an obligation to ensure the fortunes of students are not totally determined by the knowledge, skills and experiences of their parents. Schools do make a difference in the lives of their students and schools that raise the bar and challenge their youngsters to be knowledge hungry are the ones parents will seek out.

The racism of low expectations is now recognized as a blight that affects many teachers, often without them being conscious of their attitudes to racial differences.

By engaging with parents in partnership, schools will be able to graduate young people who are knowledgeable, confident and eager to push the boundaries of knowledge and not be content with mediocrity or second best.

The challenge in 2005 is to create opportunities and systems that will help unlock each individual's potential for growth, so our young people are knowledgeable about a wide range of things in this captivating world of ours. All the best for a challenging and satisfying year as you touch eternity in your profoundly important role as an educator.

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Ngä mihi nui o Te Tau Hōu ki a koutou katoa.

Special New Year greetings to you all.

Education Amendment Bill Introduced into Parliament

The Education Amendment Bill was tabled in Parliament in December 2004. Among other provisions, it enacts the new system of licensing and regulating early childhood centres. The Bill also provides for Integrated schools to pay the Crown levy for foreign students, and allows for a portion of that levy to be reimbursed to Proprietors. NZCEO is analysing the Bill, and will put in a submission on it before 4th March, the closing date for submissions. The Bill contains no surprises. Notes covering the key changes in the Bill are available from the office of the Minister of Education, email astrid.smeele@parliament.govt.nz 


Hon David Benson-Pope Appointed Associate Minister for Schools

We congratulate Hon David Benson-Pope on his appointment as Associate Minister of Education, with responsibility for the compulsory school sector and for special education. Hon Trevor Mallard retains responsibility for early childhood education, international education and tertiary education, and retains overall financial responsibility for the whole sector. We wish the Ministers well. 

Making a Bigger Difference for All Students – Schooling Strategy Discussions and Submissions

Discussions on the schooling strategy are continuing. It is important to contribute to the debate on the shape of our education system over the next five years. The discussion document and feedback forms are available at www.schoolingstrategy.govt.nz. The current round of consultation closes on 31 March 2005. 

Values in the New Zealand Curriculum

A values statement for the New Zealand curriculum revision is being developed by an expert national consultation group led by Paul McKeown of Waikato University. Integrated schools have been influential in the establishment of this group, and are represented on it. The programme of regional consultation meetings was advertised in the 7 February Gazette, and information or registration is available by fax (07) 838 4712 or email vicproject@waikato.ac.nz. Those wishing to participate electronically in the dialogue on values in the curriculum can do so at www.talk2learn.com 



Conratulations to:

Otago, Southland Regions:

Verdon College, Invercargill whose students won the Enterprise New Zealand Trust Award for Commitment.

St Joseph's School, Oamaru whose student Albert Hailes was awarded Highly Commended in the Newspapers in Education Short Story Competition.

Canterbury, South Canterbury and West Coast Regions:

St Thomas of Canterbury College, Christchurch whose students' cell phone tracking device won the Royal Society of New Zealand's Industrial Research Award for the best product in 2004. The boys will attend the World Science and Technology Fair in Beijing. Anthony Prisk had his art selected to appear in the 2005 calendar of the French Embassy. Hyun-Jun Kim achieved A+ in a university mathematics course.

Marian College, Christchurch whose students Courtney Goodwin, Sheila Joyce, Jess McInerney-Smith and Fitu Sopoaga won a regional excellence award in the BP Enterprise Community Project. Their project involved the upgrading of facilities for a childcare centre. Kimberley Shea won the National Trampoline Championships with 4 golds and the trophy for the most outstanding international performance.

Roncalli College, Christchurch whose student Nathaniel Shaw gained silver in the boys' 3000 metres walk at the NZ Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships.

St Paul's School, Dallington whose students raised \$2092 for the children of East Timor.

St Patrick's School, Bryndwr whose student Corey Crampton represented NZ in Australia, in U15 Basketball.

St Peter's School, Beckenham whose student Stanley Foster-Bohm was selected for the National Soccer Academy.

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

St Mary's College, Wellington whose student Lisa-Marie Bazalo won the junior oratory at the Irish National Feis. Katherine Lesley received the top award for outstanding service and community promotion at the Karori Youth Awards. Wallace Gollan was selected to perform in Carmen.

Bishop Viard College, Porirua whose student Mark Holden was awarded one of only five national Project K Excellence Awards for 2004. Misieli Samuelu was selected for the U18 NZ Rugby League Team. Crystal Southey-Willis was awarded a First Foundation scholarship.

Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt whose student Mareta Taute gained second place in the national Ngā Manu Korero Speech Competitions.

Holy Cross School, Miramar whose student Scott Sharp was selected for the NZ U14 Basketball Team.

St Teresa's School, Featherston whose students Lauren Fargher, Hollie Hawkins, Alex Fleming and Viane Roberts won the first three placings and a highly commended respectively in the Wairarapa AMP show for pencil sketch drawing. Room 4 won the first three placings in the batik group section.

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

Ngā Tawa School, Marton whose students Briar Lissington, Maria Brown and Alyce Tod came first in the NZ Secondary Schools' Shooting Championship.

Lindisfarne College, Hastings whose student Digby Hewitt achieved gold in claybird shooting in the New Zealand College Games. Cameron Houston won a national prize from the Child Development Foundation in recognition of his striving for success while suffering from cystic fibrosis.

Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth whose students raised \$7,000 through a walkathon, to support the Lasallian mission in Papua New Guinea.

St John's College, Hastings whose student Levi Armstrong was selected for the NZ U21 Touch Rugby Team. Kieran White was selected for the NZ Junior Karate Team.

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

Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton whose student Ashleigh Finlay was selected as a member of the NZ Junior Judo Team.

Bethlehem College, Tauranga whose student Eliot Crowther was selected for the NZ U19 Cycling Team. Emma Dahn received the Grand Prior's Award from St John Youth. Delia Mathews has been invited by the British Ballet Organisation to go to London for a dance workshop and auditions with the top British ballet schools.

St Joseph's School, Matata whose 'grandparent tutor' reading programme achieves great results.

Northland and Auckland Regions:

St Mary's College, Ponsonby whose student Darcie Jacka was chosen for the NZ U19 Lacrosse Development Squad.

St Peter's College, Epsom whose rock music group Incursa won the 2004 Coke Smokefree Rockquest National Final.

Carmel College, Auckland whose student Jeeyoung Yi won 3rd place in the Senior Cultural Section of the National Young Designer Awards. Erika Fernandes was selected for the NZ U19 Indoor Cricket Team. 40 Hour Famine participants raised \$11,927.

De La Salle College, Mangere whose student Carl Tuvae won a First Foundation scholarship.

St Francis School, Thames whose 5 year old student Benjamin Broad competed in the National Motorcross Championships.

Marist College, Mt Albert whose students Akosita Tuipuloto and Suranthy Samarasinghe won 1st and 3rd place respectively in the Junior Cultural section of the National Young Designer Awards. Jenny Xu, Year 12, gained the top mark in New Zealand in ATCL and is now qualified to become a registered piano teacher. Hannah Hurley was 4th in NZ, and the top Yr 12 student, in the National Historical Artefacts Essay Competition.

Sancta Maria College, Botany South whose students James Barclay, Andy Ulm and Jonathan Kim came second in NZ in the TVNZ Website Challenge.

St Dominic's College, Henderson whose students Megan Bell, Brooke Van Gent and Laura Bell won gold at the NZ Age Group Badminton Team Championships.

More High Distinctions from the Australasian Mathematics Competitions

St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt: Jared Toe, Aaron Beardsley, Abhishek Vadnerkar, Logan Ward and John Nash; St Patrick's College, Wellington: Liam Byrne and Michael Godinez; St Peter's College, Palmerston North: Hilary Ngan-Kee and Michael Begley; Marist College, Mt Albert: Chryslyn Braganza and Katharine Zhang; Sancta Maria College, Botany South : Sung-Jae Han; St Peter's College, Epsom: Joshua Brajkovich.

High Distinctions in the Asia Wise Social Sciences Competition

St Peter's College, Palmerston North: Ben Booker; St Mary's College Wellington: Annie Graham.

Honour for St Bede's Deputy Rector

Congratulations are extended to Deputy Rector Gary Lennon of St Bede's College, Christchurch who was recognised in the New Year Honours List.



"So, other than that, how was your first day as a teacher?"

School Record Retention Project

Arising from the requirements of the Public Records Bill, the Ministry of Education is developing guidelines for schools on what materials schools are obliged to archive. Integrated schools are not required to keep records prior to the date of integration; records prior to that time are the responsibility of the Proprietor. 🔥

Top NEiTA Award to Integrated School Teacher

Bernadette Lawlor, St Joseph's School, Queenstown is congratulated on winning the top National Excellence in Teaching Award for 2005. Bernadette received a \$5,000 ASG Professional Development Grant. 🔥

"Light tomorrow with today."

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

Code of Ethics for Teachers Now Official

From 31 January 2005, New Zealand teachers have a shared Code of Ethics, developed by the New Zealand Teachers Council after wide consultation with teachers. The Code provides a public statement of the common ethical principles of the profession, and will promote the highest standards of professional service. The Code clarifies teachers' commitment to learners, to parents/guardians and family/whanau, to society and to the profession. It does not replace codes already in place within the sector, such as that developed for Catholic schools, but acts as an overarching document.

Copies of the Code are available from the Teachers Council, or from NZCEO. 🔥


New Website for Information on Education

A new education portal, 'edCentre', has been launched to enable people to more easily access information on education scattered across 28 different government websites. It is directed at parents, learners, educators, governance bodies and researchers. The web address is www.edcentre.govt.nz 🔥

Teaching About Religion and Values Through Art – Dr Peter Vardy Conferences

A one day teacher training conference on the above topic is touring Australia and New Zealand. It is hosted by Rangi Ruru Girls School in Christchurch on March 16th, by St Catherine's College in Wellington on March 17th and by Baradene College in Auckland on March 18th. Contact the schools for further information. 🔥

'Bounce Back' – Texts to Promote Resiliency

Australian teacher educators Helen McGrath and Toni Noble are the authors of 'Bounce Back', a set of resources to foster student resilience. The package includes a teacher's handbook and three teacher's resource books for lower primary, middle primary and upper primary-junior secondary, each with ten units of work and blackline masters. Find details at www.pearsoned.com.au 

Keeping Schools Cybersafe

All schools need to have rigorous cybersafety practices in place, including a cybersafety policy and cybersafety use agreements for all staff and students. The Internet Safety Group's NetSafe® Programme for schools is supported and endorsed by the Ministry of Education. Details on this programme are included in the attached flyer. General information on the Internet Safety Group can be found on www.netsafe.org.nz 


"A person's dreams are the index to his/her greatness."

ZADOK RABINOWITZ


Modern Apprenticeships and National Certificates in the Workplace Increasing

Over 7,000 young people, including over 500 girls, are now in Modern Apprenticeships, in 31 different industries. By June 2005 the total is expected to rise to 8,500. Over 14% of those in the programme are Māori. The number of people completing a National Certificate in the workplace rose by 45% in 2003, with 14,181 completing a Certificate. The number of young people aged 15-21 in industry training nearly doubled between 2000 and 2003, from 12,500 to 22,000. 

Mediation Service Available

Geoff Kay, formerly of the Hamilton Catholic diocesan office, is now running a Hamilton-based mediation company. Those who wish for a cost effective mediation service could contact him at geoff@mediationz.co.nz 

Did You Know?

The UK Minister for School Standards, David Miliband, has urged coeducational schools to teach girls and boys separately for part of the day, after a Cambridge University study found that this practice resulted in significantly better learning for both sexes. 



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PrEP Has Lots to Offer

Schools are reminded that the Primary Enterprise Programme (PrEP) offers schools very enjoyable, well structured learning as classes work to establish small companies which produce goods to sell at a 'market day'. Further information is available at www.enzt.co.nz or email the National Director Kathie Willis at kathie@enzt.co.nz 




"I'm only in first grade, and already you're invited to see the principal!"

Useful Resources on Change, Loss, Grief and Anger

The Skylight Trust is a non-profit New Zealand organisation helping children and young people with issues of change, loss, grief and anger. It has a catalogue of resources at www.skylight.org.nz, or call 0800 299 100. In particular, it has published 'The Anger Toolbox' by Tricia Irving and John Taylor Smith. 

International Year of Physics

UNESCO has proclaimed 2005 the International Year of Physics. For information on the year go to www.wyp2005.org/unesco. It is also the International Year of Microcredit. International decades under way include 1997-2006 UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, 2001-2010 International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2003-2012 UN Literacy Decade, 2005-2015 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. 



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