

# SNIPPETS

## New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association

### MARCH MEETING 2017



NZCPPA Website <http://nzcppa.spikeatschool.co.nz>

#### VISITING SPEAKERS TO EXEC MEETING:

**Sr Jan Ogilvy** - Catechetical Studies Coordinator - Otago University College of Education (Student Teacher Formation) (TCI Lecturer) Prepares teachers to teach in integrated schools.

- Otago is the only University with a theology department so the university has agreed to take education students with two theology papers and make it part of their degree
- Without qualifications it will cost schools \$5000 to get teachers to the same level.
- Dominican schools offer a scholarship to pay the two papers uni fees \$900- Secondary Schools

**Colin MacLeod** - The Catholic Institute (TCI)

Colin has had a good look at the curriculum and been working with Anne Kennedy and RE Advisors to update it. Please give feedback ( teachers and students) about the online resource - [tinyurl.feedback.ncrs](http://tinyurl.feedback.ncrs).

- The idea through the online resource is to encourage teachers to be creative and enjoy teaching Religious Education. STOP using the digital resource, take it off your server.
- RE Advisors are there to support and encourage - use them!
- FaithJourney.nz is a draft website to support families in the development of their children's faith.
- The Understanding Sexuality course is being developed to make it more engaging, informative and better suited to the modern learning environment.
- The Levy is here to stay and will stay the same for the next couple of years (\$5.82 ex GST).
- A Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture (4 papers) is an awesome opportunity for leaders in our schools.

**Sr Veronica Casey** - Nano Nagle Charitable Trust

Supporting children who are unable to attend Catholic schools due to financial hardship.

- Applications are accepted from principals and parish priests. Any educational costs can be applied for. [Link for application form](#)

#### GENERAL:

Toshiba -Toshiba has been investing in NZCPPA for the last three years. Please remember to get them to give you a quote.

#### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

##### Auckland

- ACPPA continues to see principals' well-being as a real concern.
- Many Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese have joined or are looking at joining a Community of Learning.
- Preference forms are becoming more and more scrutinized, therefore parents are becoming more and more pressured to meet the criteria in some way. 5.4 has

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come into play, with a recent letter sent asking principals to be 'tougher' in regards to the 5.4 criteria and working with parish priests on this.

- Roll increases and population growth in Auckland are causing challenges with regards to enrolment policies and procedures.

#### Wellington

- The archdiocese still provides Professional Development for Curriculum, APs/DPs and DRSs but there is now a cost involved
- Cardinal John has called for an Archdiocesan Synod which will take place over the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Archdiocesan Commissioning Masses were held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Wellington and Nelson.
- The multi- purpose room at Sacred Heart Petone has been blessed and opened by Cardinal John.
- Our Lady of Kapiti Primary School in Paraparaumu has officially opened. A new Church is to be built adjacent to the school.
- There is still earthquake strengthening going on in some schools.
- The Archdiocese is still planning to update the Sacramental Programme but this process is ongoing and seems to be taking a very long time to be completed.

#### Palmerston North

- Hawkes Bay Catholic staff met on Feb 9th at Sacred Heart Church in Hastings to celebrate Eucharist together and join for a social occasion, hosted by St Joseph's Primary.
- Reignier staff began the year with a spiritual retreat at Kopua Monastery.
- St John's, St Joseph's and St Mary's Hastings combined for their beginning of the year Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Charles, followed by an official opening of the renovated classroom block at St Joseph's.
- Manawatu gathered at Hato Paora this year for their Commissioning Mass followed by light refreshments
- OLOL staff are participating in the What Catholics Believe (TCI paper)
- Manawatu Community of Learning have started the year with some real traction with two days at hosted by Hato Paora facilitated by Dr Jan Chapman. An expert partner Dr Kaye Twyford has joined the team.
- 7 Catholic principals from the Manawatu area will meet at St Matthews Marton on March 16 where Tom will share some work he has been doing about engaging his Samoan community.
- As a group of Diocesan principals we are meeting for our annual three days on 5,6,7 April in the Hawkes Bay.

#### Christchurch

- Tony Shaw has been appointed as the Lead Principal of the Te Mara Akoranga Katorika Catholic Community of Learning.
- The Christchurch Catholic cluster of schools continue to meet and discuss current issues with tagged positions the current focus.
- Staff in diocesan schools continue to complete TCI papers with most schools completing RE 102 - Introduction to Spirituality this year.
- An international group of missionaries who are based in Wellington visited several schools in the diocese.

#### Dunedin

- Preparations for our three yearly Gathering, to be held in September, are well underway. We have speakers from across the country coming to address all the Catholic Primary School teachers and leaders from across the Diocese.

- Dunedin Schools Commissioning Mass, held this year in the New Mercy Parish Church (St Patrick's Basilica South Dunedin).
- Community of Learning - All 9 primary schools and Kavanagh College were represented by staff and board members at a two day 'Visioning' gathering at Holy Cross Conference Centre in Mosgiel. The 'Faith Based COL' is poised to move forward now with renewed energy and confidence.

#### Hamilton

- Fr Richard Leonard will be running some COL Teacher only days in 2017 and also working with the Priests (Tauranga/Rotorua Catholic COL TOD on 31st January).
- Start of year Commissioning Masses held in Hamilton, Mt.Maunganui and Gisborne.
- The role of the cluster groups is being reviewed now that schools have started to form Communities of Learning.
- Concern over number of meetings required in CoLs especially for teaching principals. However there is also the view that cluster groups support principal hauora which is not always the case in Communities of Learning.

#### **NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE - JUNE 22/23**

##### **'Leading the way: an era of change (Pope Francis)**

The Rydges Hotel Wellington - \$450 Earlybird registration closes March 31st.  
(There are some great Air NZ flights at the moment too, so don't miss out!)

#### **NEXT NZCPPA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE - September 6-8, Auckland.**

