

# SNIPPETS

## New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association

### NOVEMBER MEETING 2017



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#### **VISITING SPEAKERS TO EXEC MEETING:**

##### **Steph Mills - NZEI:**

Steph shared information regarding NZEI's meetings with the Ministry. With Labour in government there will be changes. Discussions around pay equity, teacher aides, career framework and Kahui Ako have taken place.

- The Ministry understand that people want to look at shared leadership of Kahui Akos.
- There are 39 schools currently using cohort entry.
- A Well being workgroup has been set up as a result of the Hauora survey.

##### **Cardinal John - Lectio Divina:**

The Pope has asked the clergy to be more creative around the scriptures so people have an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Gospel. Cardinal John led us through Lectio Divina and encouraged us to utilise this in our school communities.

- The first World Day of the Poor will take place on November 19.

##### **Frank Wafer - Elaboration of the Standards for a Catholic school**

These are not Catholic Standards. The intention was not to add anymore to what people are already doing but to provide a framework for discussion around Catholic teaching appraisals and job descriptions. There is no expectation that a school has to use these. They are not there to be used in competency situations but to give teachers in Catholic schools more choice for gathering evidence for appraisals.

#### **GENERAL:**

Reports from the previous scholarships awarded are on the NZCPPA website [nzcppa.spikeatschool.co.nz](http://nzcppa.spikeatschool.co.nz).

We are constantly updating the website so would love to have new photos displaying Catholic Special character from schools. Please forward these to [daniel@stdominics.school.nz](mailto:daniel@stdominics.school.nz)

#### **REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

##### Auckland

- Discussions around Principal Well-being have taken place with Linda McQuade and the ACCPA (Auckland Catholic Primary Principals' Association).
- There are presently 3 Catholic Communities of schools in Auckland.
- Lots of building through the Auckland Catholic School Office is taking place.
- Further discussions around enrolments at secondary schools and waiting lists, Preference 5.4 and what it means for smaller schools, and updating the ACCPA strategic plan have taken place.
- Shortage of teachers in Catholic schools continues to be a problem.

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## Wellington

- Changes in school leadership: Judith Ford (St Joseph's Kaikoura); Veronica Sawers (St Brendan's Heretaunga; Term 1 2018 FTP), Martin Elms retiring (Our Lady Of Kapiti Paraparaumu); Peter Ahern (St Joseph's Upper Hutt) is moving to Hastings Central School 2018.
- St Joseph's Picton closed at the end of last term.
- The Synod (15-17th September) produced 93 recommendations to the Cardinal.

## Palmerston North

- Sacred Heart College celebrated 150th Jubilee at Labour weekend.
- PNCPPA have been working with U1/2 principals identifying areas of concern (workload, expectation of completing TCI papers, financial burdens in running a school and attending professional development opportunities).
- Building works in St Mary's Hastings (new 3 classroom Junior block to be built) and Reigner (new hall).
- Changes in school leadership: Maria Neville-Foster (Sacred Heart, Napier); Kevin Shore (St Peter's College PN); Resignation of Debbie Marshall Lobb (Hato Paora Catholic Maori Boys College).
- All catholic schools in Whanganui are part of the collaborative discussions with Iwi for the Whanganui area.
- 45 New Plymouth Schools have taken part in their first COL based meeting.
- All areas have had discussions around how principals from smaller schools can be supported to attend conference.
- Roll pressure - Sacred Heart Girls College and Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth. Sacred Heart will not enrol any non preference students in 2018.

## Dunedin

- Dunedin Catholic Schools Kahui Ako has submitted achievement challenges.
- Sacred Heart School North East Valley is a National Winner in the Keep NZ Beautiful 'Wall Worthy' Mural Competition.
- Holy Family Catholic School, Wanaka has a new teaching block which will allow a new roll increase cap of 225.
- St Joseph's School, Queenstown staged a highly successful whole school production, "Our Place, Our Taonga"
- St Thomas Aquinas School, Winton Young Vinnies have led Operation Christmas Child.
- On Friday 22nd September, 180 teachers from all the Dunedin Catholic Primary schools along with Secondary representatives, Diocesan staff, the Bishop and priests from across the diocese met in Alexandra for the three yearly Gathering.

## Hamilton

- Changes in school leadership: Matt Dalton (Aquinas College) 2018.
- Kath Joblin (St Thomas More) appointed Project Leader for the Central Faith Based COL
- St. Patrick's, Te Awamutu - re advertised.
- Principals' Cluster groups have been rearranged.
- The Faith Based COLs in the diocese are looking to include a Special Character goal in their 'Achievement Challenges'.
- Principal support is a continued topic for the Executive.
- Diocesan workshops around property and expectations of a Catholic school have taken place.
- A pilgrimage in the footsteps of Suzanne Aubert is planned for 2019.

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## Christchurch

- In the Te Mara Akoranga Katorika Catholic Kahui Ako the 'Across school' team has visited all 15 schools in the Community of Learning.
- Representatives from the Christian Schools and the Catholic Schools network presented information on tagged positions and preference criteria to UC students.
- The Diocesan Office organised a meeting with Catholic Education Office personnel, priests and principals to focus on the Diocesan strategic plan. The network has been divided into working parties to focus on property, affordability, Parish/school relationships and Evangelisation.

**NEXT NZCPPA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE March 7-9, 2018 Napier.**

