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New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association

SEPTEMBER MEETING 2018

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VISITING SPEAKERS TO EXEC MEETING:

Gerald Scanlan - Director of TCI (The Catholic Institute)

Much discussion around the benefit of teachers completing the TCI papers. A survey was carried out and showed that the percentage of people with the qualifications hasn't increased, 25% are undertaking qualifications at the moment. There is an opportunity to develop a less demanding qualification option that is still valuable. Gerald is meeting with the Bishops tomorrow to discuss various things. If there is an expectation from the Bishops that we do this qualification, who's letting the Boards know so it is taken into account when appointments are made?

Austin Fisher - Crombie Lockwood

Employee benefits - Education assurance. When a child at a fee paying school loses a parent this allows the fees to be paid by the policy that the school has put into place. Premium about 1% of the attendance dues (suicide is covered).

Paul Goulter, Jackie Nicholl - NZEI

It's Time campaign - this was planned last year. Commonality in problems throughout NZ schools. Claims are interrelated and negotiations are for principals and teachers as Ministry wouldn't deal with them separately. Treasury advised the Government that they didn't need to spend more on Special Ed, Support staff or ECE as there is no evidence to suggest it is needed. Government took this advice so this is why we are where we are. We have the public onside with this campaign. NZEI is urging members to make contact with every MP and let them know what is happening in their school. NZEI is doing everything possible to get a settlement.

The State Sector Act is being reviewed and it will reach further into schools regarding the Code of Conduct. There will be employment related issues.

Pay Equity - Teacher Aides first. Bargaining for PLD, job security etc. This has to be centrally funded. Admin is being started on. Implications for resourcing generally.

Vision for Education - all about Tomorrow's schools therefore workgroups are focussing on this. NZEI positive about where this could go.

Toshiba - Jim Nolan, Steve

Thanks to schools who are giving BDL the option to quote.

GENERAL:

NZCEO video clips - These are really formative, quick, easy clips around formation. The themes include: Creative Prayer, Bioethics, Scripture, Sacraments, Catholic Social Teaching, Teaching in a Catholic School, Liturgy, Being Catholic, A walk through the

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create the space to learn and grow

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Catholic Mass. Great to share with staff, students, parents and Board members. Visit the link <https://www.nzceo.org.nz/resource-items/formation-videos/>

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Auckland

- There are currently major concerns regarding roll increases across Auckland regions and what this looks like not only for Catholic schools, but Auckland schools in general. It is predicted that there will be 60,000 more children by 2030, 1,500 teachers left teaching in Auckland during 2017, 1 / 5 of teachers are over the age of 55. It is predicted that there will be 65,000 children in early childhood in 2018.
- The ACPPA focuses on 3 main aspects: Promoting hauora, Honouring the Treaty of Waitangi and Embedding cultural practices through a Catholic perspective and are currently setting up protocols around pōwhiri and mihi across the group, so that they can correctly acknowledge their relationship with the treaty.
- Great feedback from the NZ Catholic Education Convention, with many saying it was really worthwhile and the “best” yet. The ACPPA sent a letter of thanks to the organisers of the conference.
- Growing Leaders in Catholic Schools - hoping to have an outreach of this initiative by having two ‘road trips’ each year, with schools sharing their learning/great practice with all deputy principals and associate principals.
- Currently three principal positions being advertised in the Gazette.
- Children affected by P are becoming a concern in our far north schools, with principals and senior leaders having to spend long hours making sure they are safe, and others are safe from them, in the school environment.

Wellington

- Principals’ refreshment day held at The Home of Compassion, Island Bay.
- The Sacred Heart Cathedral has been closed due to Earthquake risk.
- Social Justice activities across the diocese include: Some schools joining with St Vincent de Paul to gather food items for Christmas hampers; Stewardship-reducing waste for landfills- Care for our common home; Supporting families in need across a range of schools; Sharing tables – growing vegetables and sharing with families.

Palmerston North

- Concerns for the future of the availability of priests.
- Relief teachers in very short supply.
- New buildings under construction.

Dunedin

- Dunedin Catholic Kahui Ako had an Expo of learning, networking and collegiality.
- Bishop is actively modeling the principles of Social Justice as he speaks on behalf of the vulnerable and to restore the dignity of the human person.
- Invercargill has welcomed the first groups of Colombian Refugees over the past 4 months.
- Next Principals’ meeting for OSCPPA is in Queenstown on the 13th and 14th September where Mark Sweeney will be working with Principals and Senior Leadership teams



Hamilton

- Principals exec is strategically looking to plan for sustainability of principals.
- In term 4 the First Time principals will meet Diocesan staff and be orientated around compliances and their responsibilities as Catholic school principals.
- Examples of Social Justice have been school communities supporting a family stuck overseas with a disease and unable to make it home, helping the needy at rest homes, visiting local Kindies as a way of giving back to those who require support and growing our own food to share with various members of the community so they can have food.

Christchurch

- Mass was celebrated by Bishop Paul at a gathering of principals, teachers and staff of our Catholic Primary and Secondary schools. This was followed by a social hour with refreshments provided by the Catholic Education Office.
- Te Mara Akoranga Katorika Catholic Community of Learning - the seven across school teachers are busy with a focus on Science, Writing and Mathematics. Our Special Character leader is bringing together some excellent approaches to service and social justice.
- Many Social Justice activities taking place throughout the diocese including: Get Ya Woollies, Satisfy Food Rescue, Support for Timor Leste (Caritas) and an Estuary project to restore the environment.

NEXT NZCPPA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE: OCT 31 - NOV 2, AUCKLAND

