

# SNIPPETS

## New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association

### MAY MEETING 2019

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#### VISITING SPEAKERS TO EXEC MEETING:

##### **Pauline Cleaver & Rose Carpenter - MOE Feedback on Reviews**

Of the 17 reviews going on in 2018 there were 3 main reviews.

- Revised and new Early Learning strategy
- Tomorrow's school taskforce
- RoVE review (tertiary, Polytechnic education).

Tomorrow's school - timeframe was extended due to complexity, and initial recommendations. Currently finalising the final recommendations to Government.

Taskforce insular because recommendations touch on the Ministry itself. They have come back to seek info from the Ministry after looking at feedback from the community submissions. These things are budget dependent.

NCEA review - life after National Standards:

- celebration and recognition on great integrated practices and learning in primary schools.

- Literacy and Numeracy recommendations making sure that in Y7/8 children can get Level 1 credits but aware that numeracy and literacy shouldn't dominate like they did under National Standards.

Curriculum progress and achievement - 45 people in the reference group, bi cultural. To provide advice for gov on how we understand progress across the curriculum - holistic view. Time extended to look at what information has to be shared across the system and how it is shared. Re - established trust with the Ministry, lessons learned from National Standards. Recommendations will be around tools and resources to support us looking at progress and make sure children have records of learning that follow them. Data sharing - put in place safety for sharing. Ministry recommendation around sharing learning from Early childhood through to secondary. Decisions around SEA - School Entry Assessment, dyspraxia and dyslexia screening tools etc. practical advice around capturing kids.

Reading recovery review being done at the moment - it costs a lot, should we continue, should we continue with adaptations. Why are 50% choosing not to use it?

Reinvestment back into Gifted Education

Education Workforce strategy:

How do we build a workforce for 2032? What roles are needed in the system so teachers can teach and not be the social worker etc.

How much change in so many areas can happen at the same time??

Curriculum development review - Leading local curriculum.

Curriculum support, tools and resources - [rose.carpenter@moe.govt.nz](mailto:rose.carpenter@moe.govt.nz)

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## Paul Ferris

By 2032 Modern classroom standards in all schools. Ministry will do this to all small schools, under 100 students.

Schooling futures review - introduction of hubs would cause huge concern for proprietors. Submission from APIS said Catholic Church is prepared to go to court over this as they weren't consulted.

NZCEO financial review - report says attendance dues scheme has done its dash but there is still more debt. Attendance dues will stay the same.

Aspiring Principals days - requests for more. Deals with building a Catholic Culture.

Hokianga pilgrimage - 5 days

## Zita Smith - Special Character Reviewer (Wellington)

Successful schools:

- Schools with a clear vision and values understood by the whole community and strategically linked.
- The principal leads the Catholic character intentionally.
- Praying - a structure integrated into lives, through all systems (PTA, BOT etc.).
- Teachers experience a variety of ways of praying.
- All staff actions are transparently based on vision and values.
- Systems and processes are there for evangelisation.
- Students and staff are intentionally formed in their spirituality e.g. retreats etc.
- DRS understands their role fully as a leader in Catholic character.
- All teachers participate as a team in PD.
- Integrated themes (underpinned by the Catholic character) across the school are very powerful.
- Students talk about and reflect on their learning.
- The Catholic worldview is intentional.
- Everyone is clear about the role as the tagged teacher in the school.
- Ongoing improvement in RE is inclusive.
- Parish and school have a reciprocal relationship.
- Relationship between the Parish Priest and Principal is really important.
- Kahui Ako assists transition to Colleges when there is goodwill between the principals and schools and a process is structured.
- Schools supporting diverse cultures by providing interpreters and English language learning.
- Pastoral Care - seeing needs and doing something about it.
- Transparent process for growing student leaders that is non competitive.
- Local authentic service takes place.
- Closely monitored non preference roll, staggered enrolments of non preference.
- Board has tri annual workplan and works with provider for self review.

## GENERAL:

Please ensure you and your teachers complete the survey sent to you from the NZCPPA executive. This will provide data to support our queries over the insistence for everyone to complete TCI papers. <https://forms.gle/6gzQsDf3diyhvM7Q8>

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## Scholarship Awards:

Applications due Friday October 25 - Toshiba, Furnware. See website for further details.

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## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

### Auckland

- Two wise men PLD day - 19th July 2019. Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Fr. James Martin, SJ (by Skype). A huge event - CSO have hired the Vodafone Events Centre for this day.
- Diocesan Pastoral Plan meetings were very well attended . Now individual parishes have to create a plan as to how to become Missionaries of Christ. This will set the direction for the next five years.
- Waitangi conference was very well attended - focus on Maori Spirituality included a visit to the Treaty Grounds
- Catholic schools are working with their Parish Priests to bring on quality Proprietor's Reps, to ensure the Special Catholic Character is at the forefront of any decisions made at Board level.
- The Association has put together a set of protocols around welcoming new Principals to the Association through our bi-cultural commitment. This includes waiata, pepehas and a collective understanding of powhiri.
- Bishop has asked schools to look into new initiatives to foster a genuine and personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Ideas like tracking changes in Preference Criteria, and working directly with families to attend Mass more regularly and support them in coming back to the faith.
- School rolls continue to grow, putting pressure on school communities, staff and principals. The Auckland Catholic Schools' Office is trying to alleviate these pressures as best they can with limited funds.
- The teaching crisis still affects our Catholic schools, especially finding tagged teachers.

### Wellington

- Parish reviews are on-going. We have been directed by Cardinal John to think outside the square and to focus on synod outcomes such as "Go you are sent to use your assets wisely".
- Cardinal John has also caused quite a stir around the Archdiocese and the country by suggesting that we shouldn't call priests "Father". It is particularly interesting in regard to some of our ethnic communities who have a different view of clericalism and think it is disrespectful not to address the priest as Father.
- Schools were invited to attend the parish Safeguarding workshops in March.
- Planning is ongoing for our Principals Conference in the Wairarapa in August.
- The Cathedral Parish is now using the church of St Thomas More (part of Otari parish) for their Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass.
- BOT elections – This is always a challenging time and it must be noted that many schools in the Wellington Diocese are struggling to meet nomination requirements along with proprietor appointees.

### Palmerston North

- N.P. hosted the Diocese Conference in week 9, Term 1. This involved time in schools, preparation for and a day at Parihaka and discussions with the Diocesan team

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- TCI Paper - SC 502 Interpreting the New Testament, being offered at St Pius X School in the holidays, 8-10 July. Approx. 20 people already registered for this
- Building still a major focus in our schools - St Pius X now complete, St Joseph's Stratford and St John Bosco still under development. Planning beginning for St Joseph's Waitara classroom upgrades
- Fr Marcus - Pastoral Day - evangelisation in Whanganui, Thursday 23rd May
- O'Shea Shield an incredibly successful weekend. St Peter's College 2nd. Amazing manaakitanga. Outstanding final Mass.
- St Mary's Hastings were hit with a very serious vandalism incident in the holidays - several thousand \$\$ worth.
- St Joseph's Hastings - recent 'orange day' for Cranford Hospice was well supported by sponsors, our community and the Hospice itself
- A number of our staff are undertaking study with TCI - the school is supporting them with release time



### Hamilton

- Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako Term 1 Newsletter: [Waikato Catholic Kahui Ako Newsletter](#)
- Update from Rotorua Kahui Ako Term 1 Newsletter. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3jjvr2LgrW-OzdpOnFBWDlCUWY4X2tKaS1GeTFiTFJTskow/view>
- Central Cluster held an Interschool Catholic Kapa haka Competition hosted by St Joseph's School in Whakatane. Nine schools from the cluster competed.
- Central Cluster has organised an interschool Sports tournament at the end of Term 3. Their facilities are free along with senior students being able to officiate the games.
- Hamilton Catholic Principals Association will be meeting in Hamilton 6-7th June. Pamela Arthurs will speak to the group on Safeguarding - as a result of Virginia Noonans presentation to NZCPPA exec. in Christchurch.
- Planning to organise a 2-3 day Retreat at Jerusalem in 2020.
- 15 May 2019 St John the Baptiste De La Salle Tri-Centenary of his death was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Blessed Mary Hamilton as this is the central point between De La Salle College, Auckland, Jean Paul College, Rotorua and Francis Douglas College New Plymouth.
- Catholic Schools Manager has completed a review of sizes of Catholic School Boards of Trustees and has invited schools to review their current number and make the necessary statutory requirements if they wish to reduce the number of Proprietors Reps on the board.
- Catholic Schools Office updates our Principals on good practice related to the *Royal Commission on abuse*. Throw no records away, keep photos, enrolment registers, Board and or School committee minutes, complaints against personnel. At the moment the only profiles that have been requested from the Diocese are for schools where boarding facilities operated.
- Nineteen of our schools are committed to having a muftimania Day.

### Christchurch

- Te Mara Akoranga Katorika Catholic Community of Learning has seen the roll out of Mana Ake providing 3 full time mental health support workers to work across the schools. Their mahi is to work directly with the students to support mild to moderate mental health, social and emotional support.

- The principals, across school leaders and stewardship group are engaged in revisioning the Kahui Ako. This will lead to renewed achievement challenges and a firm direction moving forward.
- The stewardship group is currently liaising with the MOE to identify pathways forward for an alternative leadership model for the Kahui Ako in 2020 and beyond.
- The Across School Leaders have had quality PD in the area of Collaboration and Change Management, and have held a Within School Leader hui sharing best practice in well being and Key Competencies.
- Bishop Paul has organised meetings with various groups in the parish community to put forward his plans for the diocese and get feedback from the Diocesan community groups.
- CCPPA Conference was in Kaikoura on May 15-17. The theme was **'He Waka Eke Noa – We are all in this together'**. Anna Mowat from the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience presented on 'Building Wellbeing and Resilience in your school'.

### Dunedin

- AGM reappointed Jo McKay as president, Trisch Inder as deputy, Annie Nelson as secretary and Teresa Jarvis as Treasurer.
- St Mary's in Gore children sang backing for a Jackie Bristow's (NZ artist) who performed '[Pray for the Love](#)' in USA for the Christchurch charity concert.
- Virginia Noonan guided us through the National Office of Professional Standards and the implications for us as principals and members of parish councils.
- The Young Vinnies at St Thomas Aquinas School have recently been working alongside volunteers delivering meals on wheels to many residents within the Winton township. They have been working with Blair Vining to raise funds for the foundation he has founded to support children in their sports around the region.
- The Sacred Heart North East Valley Young Vinnies recently visited the Dunedin SDVP Headquarters and Shop in George St. They spent a half day recently making vegetable soup in the school hall kitchen to add to the winter supplies.
- Dominican Conference 2019 Invercargill: Gifted for the Journey, 2-4 October. Registrations can be made by following this link <https://dcreg.0a.nz>
- The Dunedin Catholic Kāhui Ako has a real focus this year on strengthening the relationships across our schools and community. All schools took part in a shared Caritas challenge to show solidarity for those across the world who do not have many of the same advantages we do.
- SEEK is a Science Initiative that is being run for all Year 5 and 6 children. As part of the COL (Kāhui Ako), Kavanagh College is offering taster science experiences to all of these children.
- All senior staff in our schools took place in a two day Growth Coaching course with Dr Deanna Johnson. We are also looking forward to strengthening our partnership with whānau by participating in a strengths-based research project currently being undertaken by Dr. Melinda Webber.

**NEXT NZCPA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE: August 28-30 Auckland  
Term 4 - Nov 6-8 Palmerston North**



