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New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association

MARCH MEETING 2019

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VISITING SPEAKERS TO EXEC MEETING:

Virginia Noonan - National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS)

- Set up 10 years ago the NOPS to detail a safeguarding framework for the Church and acknowledge the harm that has been done.
- NOPS will co-ordinate a response to complaints of sexual abuse against clergy and religious and ensure consistency across the country while working together for a Safe Church.
- Make sure you are aware of the guidelines www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz.
- Virginia is very happy to come and talk to diocesan principal groups vmnoonan@gmail.com

Sarah Graham and Rebecca Podmore - NZ Police Child Protection Team

- There have been a lot of changes in the area of child protection with improved processes and time frames.
- If a child discloses it is because they trust you, they will often minimise what is happening to them.
- Don't drill down to specifics (leave that to the police), but actively listen and document what they say.
- If unsure ring and talk to police. The main question is "Are they safe?"
- Historic abuse disclosures - contact the local police and discuss.
- Talk to teachers about the use of social media. [Example of school guidelines for use of Social media](#)
- Teachers and support staff need to be aware of keeping themselves safe.
- Police can help with a media strategy should this be required.

Mark Gregory - Special Character reviews

Document is in draft and continually being updated so if you are having a review go to site and download latest version.

Overview of good practice can be found under resources on nzceo.org.nz
- Catholic character best practice

<https://www.nzceo.org.nz/resource-items/catholic-character-best-practices/>

Seeing an increase in professional supervision funded by the Board.

Bishop Paul - Catholic Bishop of Christchurch Diocese

General discussion around the strategic vision for the Christchurch diocese and preference cards and who can sign these.

GENERAL:

[Living wage document](#) - What are you paying your teacher aides?? The Living wage is currently set at \$20.55 per hr.

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Auckland

- Focus has been on putting together a set of protocols around how we welcome new principals into the association, with regards to our responsibility to the Treaty of Waitangi. This includes waiata, pepeha, and a collective understanding of powhiri.
- Feedback from the Catholic Schools' Office back to schools regarding their Annual Reports has caused some concern with the CSO are stating that schools need to 'evangelise' more 5.4/5.5 children.
- Restraint issues and what exactly we do as principals when a child needs to be restrained, are still a concern. This is still a grey area and one that needs to be made clear to our colleagues.
- Growing Leaders in Catholic Schools is working out really well.
- Diocesan Pastoral Plan 'Fit for Mission' has now been running for five years. Bishop Pat is looking at ways we can move from being 'fit' into being 'missionary disciples'. There are meetings being set up all over Auckland to get schools and parishes to engage.

Wellington

- Cardinal John has directed all parishes to review their property (including Churches and Presbyteries). Reviews due to him by the end of October.
- The Cardinal has been in Rome attending the meeting called by Pope Francis to discuss Safeguarding practices in the church. We have all been invited to safeguarding workshops with our parishes to share our practice regarding Police Vetting etc.
- Commissioning Masses have been held in both Wellington and Nelson. Due to the unavailability of the Cathedral the North Island Mass was held at Ss Peter & Paul Church in Lower Hutt.

Palmerston North

Taranaki:

- Building projects in 3 schools underway.
- Preparation is well underway for the combined Primary and Secondary Schools Diocesan Conference to be held in New Plymouth, 27-29 March.
- Father Sanjay has left the New Plymouth Parish and returned to his homeland. Fathers Simon and Tom are juggling the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth which is a huge task.

Whanganui:

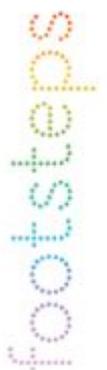
- Have met as Catholic Schools to plan events for the year, in particular a joint School Mass later in the year for Catholic Schools Day. We welcome Father Nathaniel to our parish and he has already made himself active in our schools.
- Have discussed as a group of schools entering a Takitini Kahui Ako as a Whanganui education community. Very much in the development stage unclear where we sit as a cluster of Catholic Schools.

Manawatu:

- Property refurbishment happening.
- Monsignor Bryan Walsh and Monsignor David Bell are also covering Masses for St Anthony's in Pahiatua; increasing both their workload and travel.

Hawkes Bay:

- St Patrick's Napier has a newly built classroom and Resource Room space.
- Primary schools are fully staffed this term, however finding suitable applicants for tagged positions remains challenging.



- Social Justice examples:
St James: Each week three Lenten Giving baskets stay on a Learning Space into which children put food items, books and toys in good condition. They then make a weekly visit to SVDP to gift the items in their Lenten giving baskets.
 Whole school has been walking to the Lonsdale Elderly/Care home. The children sing and then shake hands with the residents. They are learning that sometimes the residents can't speak, but they listen with their hearts. We are experiencing intergenerational love. We are looking to visit every 1-2 months regularly.
 St Mary's continues weekly food baskets (classes in each team are asked to bring a food item on a rotational basis) for St Vincent de Paul, who use these to supplement their food delivery packages. Our Young Vinnies work throughout the year to fund raise funds for local and national causes.

Hamilton

- Principal group planning for a pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Mother Aubert. They will kayak down the Whanganui river and stay at the Home of Compassion.
- Parishes are all in the middle of making sure Police vetting and health and safety issues are been addressed. John Coulam from the Diocesan office has given the Principals a poster from which to act if people come in with concerns or allegations regarding misconduct from the Church.
- Principal group is working on writing letters on the latest Tomorrow's Schools document as it has potentially severe ramifications for Integrated Schools.

Christchurch

- Te Mara Akoranga Katorika Catholic Community of Learning has come to the end of its first term so is currently reviewing stewardship.
- Principals continue to meet once a term with Bruce Henley from the Catholic Education Office. This year we are also having an afternoon each term to meet up, share lunch, listen to a speaker and end the day with a social catch up time.
- Social Justice:
St Patrick's Kaiapoi: Kaitiaki leaders listened to nurse, Nicole Smit who just returned from Uganda helping to build a Medical centre through fundraising initiated in 2018. The students organised a PJ and Wacky hair day on Friday March 1 to raise more money for her next visit.
St Joseph's Rangiora:
 Raised slightly over \$3,800 for the Don Bosco Technical School to design construct and install the playground using these funds. We believe this is a proactive way to provide opportunities for students to develop a great appreciation for what they have, and encourage them to be less materialistic and develop a heart for service and charity.

South Canterbury:

- March 14 all local Catholic schools celebrated a staff Mass with Bishop Paul with the venue moving to St Thomas the Apostles in Timaru as the Sacred Heart Basilica is closed for the year to allow earthquake strengthening work to be carried out.

West Coast:

- St Mary's School and Parish Twilight Fair: This was a great evening for the parish, school and town. The weather played its part enabling trailer rides, and outdoor dining accompanied by a variety of musical entertainment.

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WEBSITE AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT

Dunedin

- Holy Family Catholic School Wanaka has had an exemplar of their Deep Learning inquiry selected to be showcased on the Global Exemplars page of the Deep Learning Hub for NPDL. The Exemplar was one of 13 Exemplars selected from throughout the NPDL knowledge-building partnership to be moderated by educators from Australia, Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United States, and Uruguay.
- The Dunedin Catholic Kahui Ako hosted their first shared PLD for the year. The guest speaker was Ian Taylor (2019 New Zealand Innovator of the Year) who inspired us with stories of innovation and collaboration. He has employed many Kavanagh graduates as they display these skills.
- Dominican Conference 2019 Invercargill: Gifted for the Journey 2-4 October
Teach the whole Child: Each child is unique and brings with them a family/culture/community who have influenced their past and who will influence their future. Conference is open to all schools. Will include workshops in which staff can take back practical ideas to incorporate into their own schools
\$400 registration fee (includes, morning teas, lunch, conference dinner and Southland network evening).
- St Pats Invercargill - 75th Jubilee to be held over the weekend of 15-17 March .
- Social Justice
The Dunedin Catholic Kahui Ako is planning a shared Social Justice project and news will be shared of this as soon as we get underway.

NEXT NZCPPA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE: May 29-31 Wellington
Term 3 - August 28-30 Auckland
Term 4 - Nov 6-8 Palmerston North

