

NZASA Newsletter - 4 December 2023

Kia ora koutou ngā kura takiwā o Aotearoa

What a year! The elephant is in the room! The newly formed Coalition government (National, Act and NZ First) will have a noticeable impact on education as we recall the detrimental effects of a National led government in our recent past. Our voices will be needed now more than ever. As the new year approaches, changes have already been signalled - with confirmed details to be shared in 2024. Our Executive will keep you informed.

Congratulations go out to Stephen Beck (Principal Hurunui College) who has been appointed to the role of Area Schools Leadership Advisor for 2024. We know that his experiences as an Area School Principal and President of NZASA will stand him in good stead. Stephen will stay connected with the Executive as he works in and around our Area Schools throughout 2024.

NZ AREA SCHOOLS SPECIFIC NEWS

Additional Changes to our Executive group include:

- We welcome **Peter Heron** (Principal Ngata Memorial College) to the Executive. He is taking up the vacancy in the Central region created by Koren Hopoi's resignation. Peter has been principal of Maniototo Area School in Central Otago, Papakura High School, the Multinational School-Riyadh (a 1600 student Area School in Saudi Arabia) and has now completed four years at Ngata Memorial College on the East Coast. His experiences will be much appreciated in our team.
- We welcome **Sharon Blanchard** as the Board representative for the South of the South region.
- We welcome Quenten Browne (**Deputy Principal Raglan Area School**) as our Māori representative in the executive. We look forward to him engaging with our kaupapa Māori kura as we seek to be more inclusive of Māori aspirations in our governance roles.
- We welcome **Mike Hart** (Principal Oxford Area School) representing CASA while Stephen is away.
- We still have 2 vacancies on the Executive for Board Representatives in the Northland, and Top of the South regions. Please contact Lesley McCardle, our Area School's Administrator (lesleym@mangakahia.school.nz) if you have any nominations for these vacancies.

NZASA National Conference 2024 will be held in Wellington

- Save the Dates: - **Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August 2024**
- Venue: **Naumi Hotel**, Cuba Street, in the heart of the Wellington CBD
- Theme: **Te Whare Tapa Wha - Hauora For All.**



The Executive is keen to celebrate our leaders by providing significant opportunities for self-reflection, rest, rejuvenation and revitalisation. While learning more from each other we will fully take advantage of all of the exciting, inspirational and therapeutic experiences that Wellington has to offer. This conference is an excellent use of Professional Coaching and Support for the **Principal Leadership role funding (\$6k)** i.e. building professional networks and wellbeing.

- Look out for our Term 1 2024 newsletter which will give you access to **registration** and **hotel booking** information. We will again offer a “**3 for the price of 2**” option to enable you to consider bringing more of your middle leaders to attend and enjoy a visit in Aotearoa;s capital city.
- Our Speakers include:

→ The new Minister of Education, **Erica Stanford**, has been invited to attend.



→ **Lance Burdett** [Lance Burdett](#): WARN - Wellness, Awareness, Resilience and Negotiation.



→ **Denise Quinlan** [Dr Denise Quinlan](#): Denise is Director of the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience and has lectured on strengths and positive psychology around the world.



- "Shot Bro" - [Rob Mocaraka](#) - (Healing and Inspiring Others through sharing his own story of depression and recovery in a dramatic presentation)



NZASA Student Excellence Award Recipients 2023

At our 2023 Rotorua conference, we enjoyed hearing from Sasha Kirkwood, one of our previous recipients of this award. Principals accepted the NZASA Student Excellence Awards for the following 2023 recipients:

- Aliyah Tukiri (Raglan Area School)
- Amy Riach (Oxford Area School)
- Bella Muir (Whangamata Area School)
- Charlotte Atkinson (Tauraroa Area School)
- Hillary Cooper (Oxford Area School)
- Sam Christie ((Raglan Area School)

NZASA Student Leadership Camp 2023

Once again this very successful week long annual event was held from the 10th to 15th April in Wainui just out of Akaroa; beside the Akaroa harbour, Christchurch. Student leaders from across Aotearoa came together to participate in a range of individual and collaborative activities and events designed to bring out and further enhance their leadership skills. Huge thanks go out again to Brendon Ferguson for leading this mahi and for the staff from across the country that supported the camp during the week.

NB - The 2024 event is scheduled for 15th to 20th April - check out this [LINK](#) for details

NZASA Student National Sports Tournament 2023

This event was held from 3rd to 6th July, in Rangiora. A fabulous action packed week was enjoyed by all participants.

NB - The 2024 event is scheduled for 8th to 11th July - check out this [LINK](#) for details

NZASA Student Music Camp 2023

The bi-annual music camp was held in the school holidays from the 26-29 September 2023 in Christchurch. This event will not be held in 2024 but we will be held again in 2025.

OTHER NEWS

National Centre for Educational Leadership 2024

NZASA has accepted an invitation to partner in a Sector Steering Group to establish priorities for the developing kaupapa of the National Centre for Educational Leadership and to set up a powerful leadership curriculum and resource it with professional learning and development. Specifically, the group will:

- provide educational advice and oversight that builds rigour in the establishment of the Centre's leadership curriculum
- assist in developing a coherent evidence-base for leadership that is bespoke to an Aotearoa New Zealand context
- provide ongoing review of the work of the Centre to ensure it meaningfully contributes to the needs of school leaders

Other Peak Bodies who will be involved include:

- Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (AIMS)
- Special Education Principals' Association of NZ (SEPANZ)
- NZ Pasifika Principals' Association (NZPPA)
- NZ Catholic Primary Principals Association (NZCPPA)
- Area Schools Association of NZ (ASANZ)
- The NZ Rural School Leadership Association (NZRSLA)
- Auckland Primary Principals' Association (APPA)
- Auckland Secondary Principals' Association (ASSPA)
- Wellington Regional Primary Principals' Association (WRPPA)

Principal Development Map Work 2023

Alongside a wide range of associations and organisations, I have been contributing as an Advisory Group member to the work being overseen by Tim White for the Ministry of Education. Tim is the Chief Advisor for the Leadership Advisory Programme and he and his team have been developing a ***Principal Development Map framework***. Linked [HERE](#) is the most up-to-date version of the framework with the changes made as they were tested with the advisory group members. At the end of this document in the final 2 pages, are two examples that illustrate further functionality that Tim and his team think would be useful.

Development scholarships of up to \$5,000 per person available for women in Education

To help encourage more women to step into leadership across the Education Sector, WLNZ is offering scholarships for four leadership development courses. Expressions of Interest are being sourced via this [LINK](#) - note the closing date is Friday 14th December 2023.

The programmes are designed for junior through to executive leaders and scholarships are available across four key levels.

1. Women outside of formal leadership positions can apply for a partial scholarship of \$1,000 for the Impact Programme
2. Early career managers can apply for a partial scholarship of \$1,000 towards the Leading Edge Programme

3. Mid-level leaders can apply for a partial scholarship of \$3,000 towards the Executive Ready Programme
4. Senior and executive leaders can apply for a partial scholarship of \$5,000 towards the Advanced Leadership Programme

Springboard Trust - Strategic Leadership for Principals Programme (SLPP) [LINK](#)

Are you looking for some leadership PLD in 2024? The Strategic Leadership for Principals Programme (SLPP) connects Aotearoa principals with strategic experts from outside of the education sector to develop principals' leadership capability and to support clear, insightful strategic planning for schools. Many Principals throughout NZ have benefited from this quality PLD.

Apply for regionally-allocated PLD [LINK](#)

This is a reminder that if you are considering accessing funding for 2024, the PLD allocation round closing date in One is 23 February 2024.

FINAL REMARKS

In closing, I would like to extend a thank you to all of the NZASA Executive team. We are unique in our representation and work hard to ensure that the voice of area schools is heard. I encourage all of you to leverage us for support and influence around decisions being made at the national level. Feel free to contact your regional representatives or me directly. We are visible and our voice is strong.

On behalf of the entire executive, I wish you all a joyous Christmas, a festive New Year and well-earned holidays among family and friends. Good Luck and God Bless you all. We look forward to serving our association again in 2024.

Ngā mihi nui - Louisa

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*Te Kura A Rohe O Whaingaroa
Raglan Area School*

~ Mana Rangatahi - Empowering Young People ~

NZASA Executive Members - December 2023

POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL
Administrator	Lesley McCardle	Mangakahia Area School
President	Louisa Barham	Raglan Area School
Vice-President	Kate Staniford	Twizel Area School
REGIONAL REPRESENTATION		
Northland Representative 1	Grant Burns (Principal)	Tauraroa Area School
Northland Representative 2	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Top of the South Representative 1	Andy Ashworth (Principal)	Murchison Area School
Top of the South Representative 2	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Canterbury Representative 1 ASA	Mike Hart (Principal)	Oxford Area School
<i>(On Secondment as the 2024 Area Schools Leadership Advisor)</i>	<i>Stephen Beck (Principal)</i>	<i>Hurunui College</i>
Canterbury Representative 2 ASA	Robin McKinlay (Board)	Hurunui College
South of the South Representative 1	Kate Staniford (Principal)	Twizel Area School
South of the South Representative 2	Sharon Blanchard (Board)	Twizel Area School
Central North Representative 1	Louisa Barham (Principal)	Raglan Area School
Central North Representative 2	Peter Heron (Principal)	Ngata Memorial College
Central North Representative 3	Lisa Thomson (Board)	Raglan Area School
Maori Representative	Quenten Browne (Deputy Principal)	Raglan Area School