

CPPA Exec Snippets (August meeting)

Kia ora koutou

The CPPA Exec met on Thursday 17 August at the Russley Golf Course. Here is a summary of newsy bits...

Minister's Apology

Nikki Kaye and Iona Holsted visited Christchurch last Monday. The general feeling was that the Minister was sincere and gracious, and the meeting provided an opportunity for some of the most affected to express their feelings and be heard. The original target group for the meeting was the leadership of principals' associations. The delivery of the invitation to the wider membership was only completed after protest from CPPA Exec via me as President, and not every school received it. Catholic schools were not invited, and this caused offence too.

There were messages of assurance from the Minister around restoring funding for principal mentors (Maureen Kerr and Pete Bradley), for increased behaviour and mental health support, and for consultation about closures and mergers processes into the future. The news that Karen Sewell is leading this work got a reaction too, but as the working group has already met it may be too late to impact that decision.

Marg will be following up the assurances with the Ministry and Coralanne as a priority.

Enrolment Schemes

There is a growing feeling that enrolment schemes and processes need urgent attention. There are principal groups within Canterbury at odds over policy interpretations and these matters are being pursued by these various groups. Disagreements between neighbours have the potential to damage collegial relationships which is unfortunate. The CPPA will continue to advocate at a high level for consistency and lawful interpretations, and feels that the legislation and the secretary's instructions are overdue for a review and greater clarity and consistency.

ERO and letter to Nick Pole

CPPA wrote to Nick Pole expressing our concerns about the new approach that ERO has been using in Canterbury recently. ERO's review approach has impacted negatively on a number of schools and principals, leaving them feeling stressed and attacked. His reply was generic, pushing back, and thanking Marg for our concern. Please continue to keep us well informed of any future concerns arising from a review.

Vulnerability of Schools to Negative Social Media

Concerns about this were discussed as there is a sense that there is an increase in this behaviour. It is very hard to manage, and yet it needs to be managed well. Here's a link to an [excellent resource](#) published by the Ministry of Education.

New Appointments – Term Three 2017

A warm welcome to these colleagues who have started at their new schools this term...

Omihi School	Maree Lucas
Okains Bay	Colin Hammond
Darfield School	Meredith Devonald
Belfast School	Sue Elley
Bamford School	Shona Hewlett
Hanmer Springs	Andrew Hardie

If anyone is aware of a term three principal appointment that we have missed, please contact [Sandy Hastings](#) at Beckenham School

New Facebook Page – Closed Group for CPPA Principals

This week CPPA launched a closed Facebook group for principals who are members and we encourage you to join this group and engage with it. You can find it [here](#).

Thanks to Rob Clarke (Learning Architects) for the support he is giving to the CPPA as a sponsor by assisting with our communication tools.

CPPA Survey 2017

Thank you to those who completed the recent survey. There were 95 responses, and the comments will take some time to properly analyse. A future "Snippets" will share the key findings with you all.

Support for the CPPA Executive

The Executive has appointed a person to manage and complete some of the work arising from our monthly meetings. Phil Harding is fulfilling this role following his retirement from Paparoa Street School.



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CPPA Fellowship

The CPPA Fellowship 2017 is being prepared for release, and applications will close in late October. A full outline including the criteria will be shared via the email tree shortly, so keep an eye out. If you haven't seen it by the end of this month it would pay to ask to have a copy resent.

Please contact [Sandy Hastings](#) at Beckenham School

Ngā mihi

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