

NZASA Newsletter - April 2023

Kia ora koutou ngā kura takiwā o Aotearoa

At our recent March Executive meeting held in Wellington, I was appointed as the President for NZASA. I am currently the Tumuaki at Te Whare a Kura o Whaingaroa / Raglan Area School, a position that I have held for four years now and one which has given me my greatest challenges as an educational leader to date. I bring 20 years experience as a Tumuaki in the Primary/Intermediate Sector, 5 years experience as a member of the NZAIMS National Executive, and 3 years experience as a Kahui Ako leader to this current role. My hope is to add value to the excellent mahi completed by my predecessors. I look forward to connecting kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face, at this year's conference in Rotorua.

The first thing that I would like to do in assuming the Presidency is to acknowledge the strong and passionate leadership of Stephen Beck who has held this role for the last four and a half years. In sincerely thanking him for his contributions thus far, we are grateful that Stephen has agreed to remain on the Executive and to continue advocating for the quality education that Area Schools deliver in Aotearoa.

NZ AREA SCHOOLS SPECIFIC NEWS

Additional Changes to our Executive group include:

- **Kate Staniford** (Principal Twizel Area School, representing South of the South) has been appointed to the role of Vice President.
- We farewell two Executive Principals; **Koren Horoi** (Principal Coromandel Area School, Central) and **Pateriki Toi** (Principal Opononi Area School, Northland) who have both made significant contributions to the Executive. We will formally acknowledge their contributions at our conference in Rotorua this year.
- We welcome the return of **Grant Burns** (Principal Tauraroa Area School), who is taking up the vacancy in Northland created by Pateriki's leaving. His experience will be much appreciated.
- We still have vacancies on the Executive. Please contact Lesley McCardle, our Area School's Administrator (lesleym@mangakahia.school.nz) if you have any nominations for these vacancies.
 - The leaving of Koren Horoi has created a vacancy for the second Principal's position in the Central region.
 - We still have 3 vacancies for Board Representatives in the Northland, Top of the South and South of the South regions.

NZASA National Conference Wed 23 to Fri 25 August 2023 - Novotel Hotel, Rotorua

We had an excellent turnout in 2022 and encourage you to register for this year's event now. Planning is well underway for the NZASA Conference in Rotorua from the 23rd - 25th of August 2023. and we are really excited to be hosting our conference at the Novotel Lakeside - Rotorua. The theme is "**Challenge and Change**". With everything that we have been through in recent years, we explore some of the challenges and changes, while promoting compassion and cohesion as strong response strategies. [The website](#) will be updated regularly. On the website is the link to the registration form and the hotel room booking form. For your convenience they are also below:

- [Conference registration form](#) We are thrilled to be able to offer a “3 for the price of 2” option this year to enable you to bring more of your middle leaders and to enjoy a visit to this iconic Aotearoa region.
- [Hotel Booking form](#) - **Please Note** - To obtain discount details visit the website and get the code. Confirmed speakers are noted on the website now.

The Minister of Education, Jan Tinetti, will be joining us and the following keynote speakers are confirmed.

Professor Mere Berryman - Director of Poutama Pounamu - University of Waikato

Mere challenges the pervasive and historical discourses that perpetuate educational disparities for Māori students and disrupt these through school leadership and reform initiatives. In her research, she combines understandings from kaupapa Māori and critical theories and has published widely in this field. In 2016, she was a recipient of the New Zealand Honour, Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education and to Māori in education.



Matt Brown - She is Not Your Rehab

Matt Brown, is a New Zealand born Samoan author, communicator, internationally acclaimed barber and hair artist; known for ‘giving great cuts’ and ‘inspiring great men.’



Professor James Chapman - Massey University

James Chapman is Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology at the Massey University College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He received his M.A. with Distinction in Education from Victoria University of Wellington, and his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Alberta, Canada, specialising in cognitive-motivational factors associated with learning disabilities. Before working on his PhD he trained and taught as a secondary school teacher.



NZASA Student Excellence Awards Nomination 2023

Nominations for the NZASA student excellence awards are open for 2023. The nomination form can be accessed from our website or the link [here](#). We encourage schools to celebrate their student's success via the award. Nominations close on Friday the 22nd of July 2023. We look forward to hearing from Sasha Kirkwood, one of our previous recipients of this award who will be speaking to us at this year's conference dinner on Thursday night.

NZASA National Conference 2024 - Hanmer Springs - WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDFORWARD

The Executive is keen to run an authentic *“Hanmer Hauora / Wellbeing Conference”* in 2024 where we will celebrate our leaders, offering significant opportunities for self-reflection, rest, rejuvenation and revitalisation. Our preferred choice of venue is currently *“Hanmer Springs”* ([link](#)) which is a 90 minutes drive from Christchurch. We are keen to learn more from each other while fully taking advantage of all of the exciting and therapeutic experiences that Hanmer offers. We would like your feedforward - please complete this brief [survey](#).

Student Leadership Camp

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.

Student National Sports Tournament

This event will be held from 3rd to 6th July, Mainpower Stadium, Rangiora. We know that many of you have already held your regional events and that teams have been selected. Please note that entries close Friday 3 June. [Click on this link](#) which will lead you to the webpage.

Student Music Camp

The bi-annual music camp will be going ahead this year in the September school holidays. The final dates are still to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on the website All entry forms and other details are now available on the [webpage](#).

OTHER NEWS

Term 2 Strike Actions

This is likely to be a turbulent term 2 with “Work Ban” strike actions taking favour with NZEI and PPTA for tumuaki and teachers alike. As always for Area Schools, managing the requirements of both unions is complex, so take care that you are fully aware of and know your role both in terms of keeping your communities informed and meeting the varied requirements of both unions. Non-engagement with MOE hui and any MOE led initiatives is a key work ban action.

Education Review Office Update

Have you been a principal for less than 5 years? They want to hear from you! ERO wants to find out which pathways, supports and PLD are most impactful for new and aspiring principals, and it’s important that area school principals have a voice in this work. It’s the voices and views of new principals that will make all the difference, to understand what’s working – and what needs to change.

ERO will put forward recommendations based on what they find - so this easy, 10-minute survey will make a real difference. Ka rawe! Here’s the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HXGNKKJ>

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Raglan Area School*

~ Mana Rangatahi - Empowering Young People ~

NZ AREA SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES - April 2023

Northland	Grant Burns - Principal	<i>principal@tauraroa.school.nz</i>
	Board Rep	Vacant
Central 1 & 2	Louisa Barham - President Principal Raglan Area School	<i>louisa_barham@raglanarea.school.nz</i>
	Principal Rep	Vacant
	Lisa Thomson - Board Rep Raglan Area School	<i>lisa_thomson@raglanarea.school.nz</i>
Top of the South	Andy Ashworth - Principal Murchison Area School	<i>principal@murchison.school.nz</i>
	Board Rep	Vacant
Canterbury	Stephen Beck - Principal Hurunui College	<i>sb@hurunuicollege.school.nz</i>
	Robin McKinlay - Board Rep Hurunui College	<i>robin.mckinlay@hurunuicollege.school.nz</i>
South of the South	Kate Staniford - Principal Twizel Area School	<i>kates@catlins.school.nz</i>
	Board Rep	Vacant