



Kia ora koutou ngā kura takiwā o Aotearoa

Term 1 2024 is quickly coming to an end and I hope that your school year has begun positively. I am grateful that the weather has not posed the challenges across the country that we experienced in 2023 at this time of the year. But our educational climate has definitely felt the impact of a change of government.

NZ AREA SCHOOLS SPECIFIC NEWS

NZASA Executive Members - April 2024		
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL
Administrator	Lesley McCardle	
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	Vacancy	
Top of the South Representative 1	Vacancy	
Top of the South Representative 2	Vacancy	
Canterbury ASA Representative 1	Mike Hart (Principal)	Oxford Area School
<i>(On Secondment as the 2024 Area Schools Leadership Advisor)</i>	Stephen Beck (Principal)	Hurunui College
Canterbury ASA Representative 2	Robin McKinlay (Board)	Hurunui College
South of the South	Kate Staniford (Principal)	Twizel Area School

Representative 1		
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

NZASA

Executive

news

- We have vacancies on the Executive for Board Representatives in the Northland, and Top of the South regions. Your regional representative will call for nominations.
- Stephen Beck is seconded in the MOE Area Schools Leadership Advisory position for 2024. Mike Hart (Principal Oxford Area School) is representing CASA while Stephen is away.
- 2024 Executive Meeting Dates
 - Term 1 17&18 March - Wellington
 - Term 2 09&10 June - Wellington
 - Term 3 21-23 August - during our Conference in Wellington
 - Term 4 10&11 November - Wellington or the city where our 2025 conference will be held

Subscriptions 2024

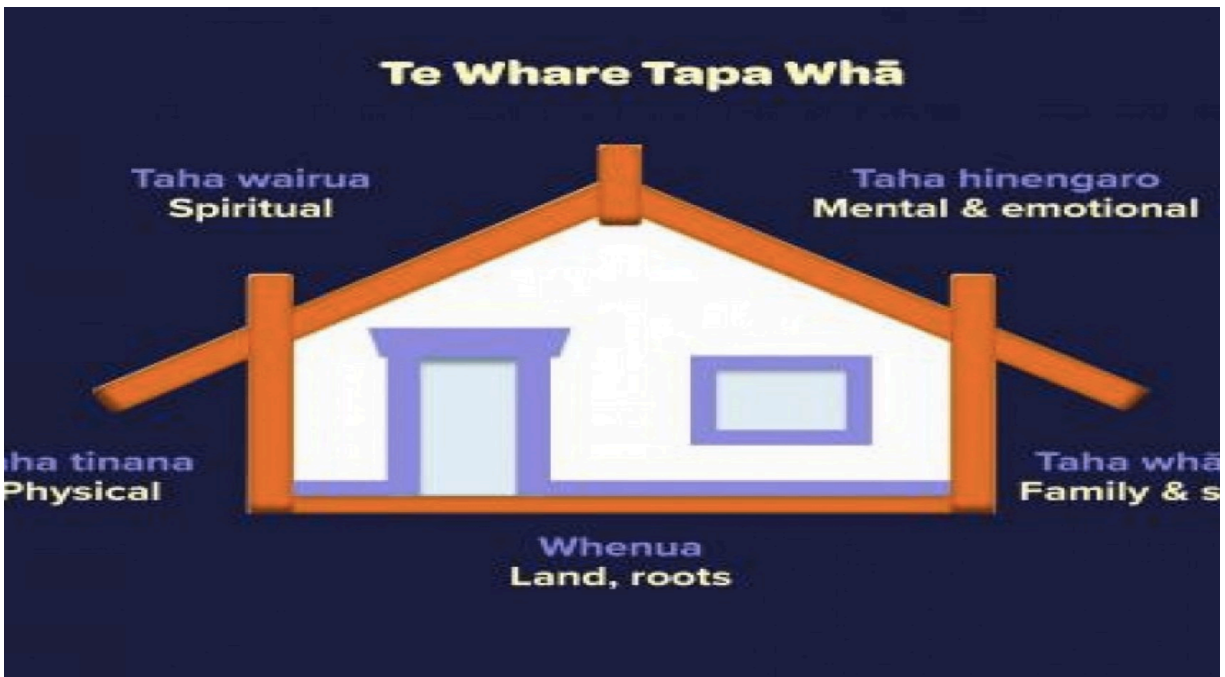
- A big shout out to Lesley McCardle - our Administration Officer who has continued to keep our organisation functioning efficiently. Lesley has been monitoring and producing our accounts and website for many years which is a huge help in ensuring the sustainability of our association.
- I want to acknowledge our schools for their timely payment of subs, which we always seek to keep affordable for members. We are largely a volunteer organisation and these subs enable us to maintain the annual events that we hold for the benefit of our students. Here is the [subs notice](#) for 2024. Please ensure this is passed on to your accounts person for prompt payment.

2023 NZCER Area School Survey

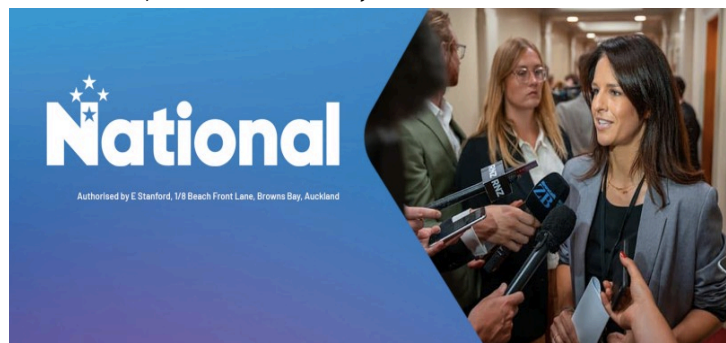
Thank you to everyone who participated in the NZCER Area Schools Survey in 2023. [This is the report from NZCER](#). If your school had ten or more teachers participate in this survey, you would have received an individual school report to compare your outcomes with the nationwide picture. The NZASA Executive is seeking feedback on the overall report (ideally with the lens of comparison to your school) to determine the next steps for action from Area Schools. We seek to collect data from you, which will feed into a further presentation at the NZASA Conference by NZCER. After you have looked through the report (and your school report), [please add your thoughts to this Google doc](#). We would greatly appreciate your help adding to our 'What's on Top'.

NZASA National Conference 2024 will be held in Wellington

- We had an excellent turnout in 2023 and encourage you to register for this year's event now. Planning is well underway for the NZASA Conference in Wellington from the **21st - 23rd of August 2024** and we are really excited to be hosting our conference at the **Naumi Hotel, Cuba Street** in the heart of the **Wellington CBD**. The theme is **"Te Whare Tapa Wha - Hauora For All"**. [The website](#) will be updated regularly.
- 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.



- Access to **registration** and **hotel booking** information is available on the website; [click on this link](#).
- This year's speakers include:
 - The new Minister of Education, **Erica Stanford**, has been invited to attend.



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- **Lance Burdett** [Lance Burdett \(link\)](#): WARN - Wellness, Awareness, Resilience and Negotiation.
- "Shot Bro" - [Rob Mocaraka \(link\)](#) - (Healing and Inspiring Others through sharing his own story of depression and recovery in a dramatic presentation)



NZASA Student Excellence Awards Nomination 2024

Nominations for the NZASA student excellence awards are open for 2024. The nomination form can be accessed from our website or the link [click on this link](#). We encourage schools to celebrate their student's success via the award. Nominations close on Friday the 26th of July 2024. We look forward to hearing from a guest speaker; one of our previous recipients of this award who will be speaking to us at this year's conference dinner on Thursday night.

NZASA Student Leadership Camp 2024

Once again, this event will take place next week 15th-20th April in Wainui just out of Akaroa; beside the Akaroa harbour in Christchurch. Check the website or [click on this link](#) for details. Student leaders from across Aotearoa come 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 support the camp during this week. I am sure that it will again be a successful event.

NZASA Student National Sports Tournament 2024

This event will be held from 8th to 11th July in Te Awamutu. We know that many of you will be holding your regional events in order to select the teams. Please note that entries close Friday 7 June ; [click on this link](#) which will lead you to the webpage.

NZASA Student Music Camp 2025

It was hoped that we might be able to hold the Music camp this year in the North Island but unfortunately this has not come together. However, please note that we plan to run the Music camp in Christchurch in the 2025 September school holidays . The final dates are still to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on the website. All entry forms and other details will be available on the website in due course.

OTHER NEWS

Teacher Only Days 2024

All schools have been allocated two Teacher Only Days for use in 2024 (between 27 May and 7 June, and 21 October and 15 November). You may use these days to support:

1. The implementation of: Te Te Mātaiaho / the refreshed NZ curriculum ([click on this link](#));
2. The re-design of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa ([click on this link](#)); and
3. The NCEA Change programme ([click on this link](#))

National Centre for Educational Leadership 2024

I attended the first meeting of this Sector Steering Group group in February NZASA. We seek 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. The group aims to:

- 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

Leadership Advisory - Area Schools

Stephen Beck is on secondment this year as a Leadership Advisor specifically focused on area schools. Although he is based in the South Island he is available to support Principals across the motu. He has 25 years experience of working in area schools and is a great point of contact and an impartial shoulder to lean on for advice or to just talk through questions or concerns. His contact details are below.

- Cell - 027 3625 692
- Email - stephen.beck@education.govt.nz

Apply for regionally-allocated PLD ([click on this link](#))

This is a reminder that if you are considering accessing funding for 2024, the PLD allocation round closing date in Term 2 is 17 May 2024.

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 our member schools 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.

Ngā mihi nui - Louisa

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