

VISION STATEMENT

AIS NZ equips member schools to make an increasingly distinctive and influential contribution to Special Character education in New Zealand.

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Through exemplary representation, networking, support and stewardship AIS NZ will provide a service to member schools, in particular Proprietors, Boards, Principals and Bursars enabling enhancement of Special Character and positioning amongst New Zealand's most influential schools.

NEWSLETTER – Term 2 2017

Greetings all

Term 2 is rapidly coming to an end, the shortest day of the year 21st June has passed, and many of us have just enjoyed a very successful Conference for the Association in Wellington.

Our grateful thanks for all those who gave up precious time in their busy lives to attend the Conference.

Highlights were the number of first time delegates and an insightful address from the new Minister of Education, the Hon Nikki Kaye. The Minister took the opportunity during the APIS AGM on the first morning of Conference to sign-off an agreement on the historic Quantity Funding settlement.

Delegates enjoyed a wide range of workshops and presentations.

PowerPoints and other resources for the Conference Workshop presentations are now available on the Association website. Follow this link – <http://www.aisnz.org.nz/2017-conference-workshop-presentations>

1. BURSARS' CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 25th/26th 2017 – QUALITY HOTEL ELMS, CHRISTCHURCH

Registrations will open soon. Registration fee (including Conference Dinner) – \$225.00

You may request accommodation at the Quality Hotel Elms through Lyn Scott using the Special Conference Accommodation Booking Form at the time of registering.

We can confirm that the programme will include:

- Ministry of Education Update
- Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools Update
- Policy Procedures and Practical Advice for preventing fraud
- Health & Safety Update
- Induction into the use of the new AIS NZ Proprietor Handbook
- Governance Essentials for State Integrated Schools – a new NZ School Trustees' Association resource for Boards of Trustees
- Update on the development of a new resource "Financial Administration in State Integrated Schools"
- All of Government Purchasing Scheme
- Opus International Architects look at the learnings around modernisation projects, earthquake repairs and Innovative Learning Environments as well as making sense of all the advice coming through on acoustics, ventilation, lighting and heating.

We look forward to welcoming representatives of our major sponsor ANZ, OfficeMax and ICIB.



2. ROAD TRIP

Mark Larson and Paul Ferris will be visiting Waikato/Bay of Plenty – 14th/15th September. The trip will involve visits to a number of Schools (we will be in touch with you in due course about that) and a workshop for Proprietors, Board of Trustees and Principals in Hamilton on the evening of 14th September. You will receive further information on this shortly.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM APIS

Members are reminded that the following important communications have been received from APIS during 2017. <http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9918e3bda55b8f77166f216bd&id=1441712d22>

4. 2017 AIS NZ SUBSCRIPTIONS

Schools will receive an invoice for subscriptions (\$1.00 per student plus gst) for 2017 early Term 3. Included with the invoice will be a Membership Information 2017 page which we would ask Schools to complete and return promptly. This helps AIS NZ to keep up-to-date contact details for our Member Schools.

5. QUANTITY FUNDING SETTLEMENT

The Minister signed an Agreement for the allocation of \$20m at the APIS AGM. AIS NZ Schools will receive \$5m as their share..

AIS NZ is working with APIS to establish a protocol for the distribution of these funds. The protocol needs to target those Proprietors most affected by the government's decision to decrease class sizes. The funds will only be available to schools integrated pre 2005. The Minister has insisted that any funds distributed can only be applied to the building of new square metres as per the School Property Guidelines.



6. **INSURANCE – APIS** will be checking with Proprietors on the adequacy of their insurance cover in the coming months.

7. EDUCATION (UPDATE) AMENDMENT ACT 2017

Follow this link to view a short video on the key changes. <https://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/legislation/the-education-update-amendment-act/>

In addition Part 33 of the new legislation (which deals with State Integrated Schools) provide two new powers to the Minister in working with Proprietors. APIS is presently working with the MoE to prepare advice to the sector on the implementation of these new provisions.

Section 426: Minister may require information to be provided

- (1) This section applies in any of the following situations:
 - (a) A Proprietor or a potential Proprietor has applied to integrate a school:
 - (b) The Minister holds reasonable concerns about the ability of a proprietor or potential proprietor to meet any obligation under an integration agreement or under this Part:
 - (c) A Proprietor or potential proprietor has submitted a specific funding request to the Minister or the Secretary.
- (2) If this section applies, the Minister may require the relevant Proprietor or potential Proprietor to provide all or any of the following:
 - (a) All of the information needed to assess the financial and managerial capacity of the Proprietor or potential Proprietor:
 - (b) Any other information that the Minister considers relevant to assessing—



- (i) An application to integrate a school:
- (ii) Any concerns about the ability of a Proprietor or potential Proprietor to meet any obligation under an Integration Agreement or under this Part:
- (iii) Any funding request that a Proprietor or potential Proprietor has submitted.

Section 457: Decision-making criteria for Proprietors

- (1) When making a decision under a provision of this Part, a Proprietor must take into account—
 - (a) The ability of the Proprietor’s State Integrated School or schools to continue to provide the level of education required; and
 - (b) The average per student cost of the continued operation of the Proprietor’s State Integrated School or schools relative to the average per student cost for other State schools; and
 - (c) The extent to which the Proprietor’s State Integrated School or schools provide for students whose needs are not met by other State schools; and
 - (d) The ability of the Proprietor to meet any obligations regarding the Proprietor’s State Integrated School or schools over the next 7 years.
- (2) A Proprietor must assess the Proprietor’s compliance with subsection (1) at least once every 5 years.
- (3) However, the Secretary may direct a Proprietor to carry out an assessment at any time if the Secretary considers it appropriate in the circumstances.
- (4) The Proprietor must, as soon as practicable—
 - (a) Complete any assessment begun under subsection (2) or (3); and
 - (b) Provide the Secretary with a copy of the assessment.

8. KEEPING UP WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL NEWS

AIS NZ recommends on-line feeds that come from these two organisations.

Iona Holsted Secretary for Education: <mailto:bulletin=education.govt.nz@mail251.suw14.mcdlv.net>

Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand:
<mailto:news=educationcouncil.org.nz@mail192.atl171.mcdlv.net>

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Jireh Komene with participants in the Bi-Cultural Workshop at June Conference