

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 3 2018

A very warm hello from Lyn and Mark in the AIS NZ office here in a chilly Canterbury still basking in the afterglow of a great Crusaders victory!

CONFERENCES

BURSARS/BUSINESS MANAGERS CONFERENCE –HOLIDAY INN AUCKLAND AIRPORT – SEPTEMBER 20th/21st 2018

Registrations have now closed with 48 confirming their attendance, well up on previous years. There are a significant number of Catholic Schools represented and there are 20 'first timers'! Thanks to OfficeMax, ANZ and ICIB for continuing to support our Conferences. We welcome Toshiba, TigerTurf and Cyclone Computers as first-time sponsors of this particular Conference.

JUNE CONFERENCE 2018

Thank you so much for your support of our Conference this year. It was the largest attendance on record and we had the greatest number of Workshops ever! A reminder that all the presentations/PowerPoints are on the Association website for your information –

www.aisnz.org.nz



**PLEASE NOTE – AIS NZ 2019 CONFERENCE – TUESDAY JUNE 11th/WEDNESDAY 12th
– BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON**

GOVERNMENT REVIEWS

Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools and AIS NZ are working closely to monitor, and participate in, key government reviews including the Tomorrows Schools review.

Of great interest to the State Integrated School sector will be the review of school property. Whatever is decided for the State School system will almost certainly have a "knock-on" effect to things like Policy 1 and Policy 2 Funding. We will keep you posted!

APIS and AIS NZ have been briefly consulted about the scope and terms of reference of review of Integrated Schools signalled in the Labour Party Manifesto and scheduled by the incoming

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Coalition Government. The Review seems to focus on “barriers to access”. This clearly could give rise to discussions about Attendance Due costs and Preference of Enrolment. It seems the government is also interested in the wide range of charges and donations expected of families by State Integrated Schools.

SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS DECLINED UNEXPECTEDLY

Prior to the change of government significant progress had been made in negotiations to establish new Catholic Schools in Drury and Papamoa, as well as the integration of a large non-denominational Christian School in Hamilton (Hamilton Christian School). The Minister, Chris Hipkins, has either declined or ceased negotiations re these applications. Clearly there are more significant matters he wishes to progress before he can attend to these applications. The door is not closed on these applications but it will be at least twelve months before discussions may continue.

ROAD TRIP – MARK LARSON and PAUL FERRIS

Mark and Paul will be visiting Cornerstone Christian School, Longburn Adventist School, Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Wanganui Collegiate, Hawera Christian School and St Mary’s School Stratford during a two day trip September 6th/7th.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Two Charter Schools have applied to change designation to State Integrated both target Maori students which will be a key part of their Special Character. APIS is being consulted on the matter.

FIRST MEETING WITH THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Grateful thanks to Paul Ferris for assisting in negotiating a first-up meeting with Jenny Salesa with some delegations for State Integrated Schools. Minister Salesa was scheduled to speak at the AIS NZ Conference but became unwell and was unable to attend.

The meeting was held July 23rd and was a useful exercise in getting communication lines open.

There are a flurry of government reviews in the education sector and getting the opportunity to speak about issues of significant for State Integrated Schools has been challenging. The Minister undertook to improve communications and has offered to endeavour to broker a meeting of Chris Hipkins with Proprietors.

The Minister does not have delegations to talk about funding however it is quite clear that funding for integrating new or existing schools is not available until further notice. There will be no Policy 2 Funding in 2018 or, most likely, 2019.

AIS NZ EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF APIS EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to Vaughan Darby who has been elected as APIS Chair. This is the first time that an AIS NZ representative on APIS has been elected Chair. Vaughan and Paul Ferris enjoy a close working relationship. This is further evidence of the Catholic Education Office’s desire to be inclusive and collaborative.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks to all those who have paid. A “gentle” reminder for those Schools with outstanding membership fees to settle these as soon as possible. Thank you.

NEXT AIS NZ EXECUTIVE MEETING – 4th OCTOBER – Welcome to new Executive Member – Janet Molloy. Janet is National Manager for Steiner Education Aotearoa NZ. Janet’s selection will continue to support the excellent relationship AIS NZ enjoys with the Steiner Federation. 2019 is the 100th anniversary of Steiner education in New Zealand.

GUY GIFFORD ARTICLE IN PPTA NEWS

Some may have seen this [Article](#) which is part of a targeted campaign by Gifford to discredit Integrated Schools. Paul Ferris has been in touch with PPTA for a “please explain” conversation. It is disappointing to see PPTA giving such unbalanced views air time.

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