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"It's not where, it's how"
"Ehara I te wāhi ko te tino take, engari me pēhea"

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PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

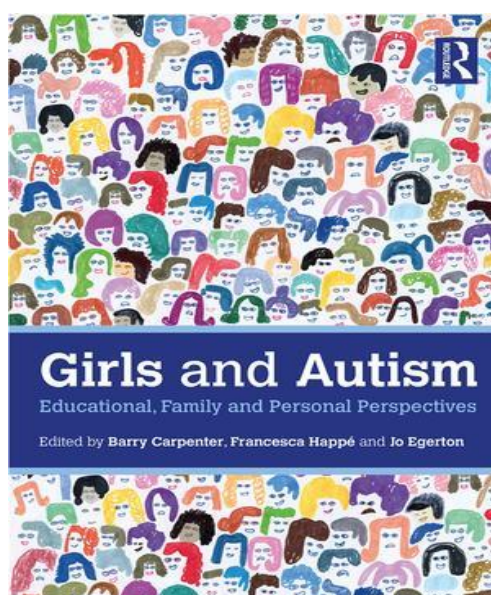
23rd. May, 2019

Kia ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Sincerely trust that Term Two has been thus far highly positive! Firstly, we are looking forward to sharing together at the professional development with Prof. Barry Carpenter:

**Barry Carpenter Saturday 22nd June - Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, 58
Waipuna Road, Mt. Wellington, Auckland.**

SEPA NZ Schools have responded marvellously and the event is booked out!



Girls and Autism-Education, Family and Personal Perspectives Edited by Barry Carpenter, Francesca Happé and Jo Egerton. Routledge, paperback

SEPA NZ CONFERENCE PRICE:
CASH ONLY -\$60.00 EACH

**Books will be on sale during Barry's presentation at
Waipuna in June!**

Please bring the exact amount IN CASH.
Eftpos will not be available!

Orders can be placed with distributors – details available at Conference.

Forum – 2019 – 18th October

The Executive decided to re-name our annual event (previously referred to as MOOT) – this year it is a **“Forum”**. **The event will be held in Wellington on the 18th October at the James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel – 8am – 4pm (approx.). We plan to have a combination of MOE, Politician/s, Topical Speaker and conduct The Annual General Meeting.**

Please plan to participate. It is the one time annually that we can plan and share together!

Education Bill Legislative Changes.

I sent the following information out and thank you sincerely to those people who have asked questions and responded as needed.

There are three items that pertain to us in one way or another. Ostensibly the intent is to “tidy up” aspects of alignment between the 1964 Act, 1989 Act and the intent of 2018 changes. The main aspects being.

1: Proposed name change for our Schools: from “Special” Schools, to “Specialist” Schools. Some, have already made that switch.

2: Currently there has been “insufficient reference” in law to allow Children to attend a school for the duration of the school day. Some schools ask Whanau to remove/take home Children after a set period for various reasons (eg: cannot provide a Teacher Aide after 12.00pm).

The Act changes will make it lawful that Boards of Trustees will be responsible for ensuring that a school is available for EVERY Child for the duration of the full school day.

3: It will be unlawful for any school to award NCEA to Offshore Students

Please respond using the Web Site.

Executive Meeting 18 – 19 May:

Items under discussion included an update from Bernie, Gary and Diane our representatives on the CPA project (Curriculum and Planning). Rose Carpenter is the MOE Leader for this reference group (Rose has always been very respectful towards our association) – the Ministry describes their involvement as that of “Stewardship”. It has been/is a national conversation as participants consider a national consistency regarding meaningful reporting on progress, as well as the process required for meaningful learning. I believe much of our work within our schools has an important impact for this conversation. We want to ensure that “our voice – the voice of our learners” is heard and well included.

NZEI SEPAnz Representative:

This position is up for election this year. Documents will be distributed prior to the AGM. This is an important position – our voice must be heard loud and clear at National NZEI meetings. Everyone is aware of the current Teacher Strikes and the long-term causes. It seems to me that our Teachers deserve the highest accolades and appropriate salary increments! It would be excellent if each region nominated a candidate for election! The Executive provides a list of important “big picture” elements pertaining to our sector for the Representative to discuss at NZEI National meetings.

Physical Restraint Guidelines Update:

David Wales (National Director Learning Support) has advised that although MOE indicated, in December last year, that we would receive a copy of the redrafted physical restraint guidelines by Term 1 2019 he apologised that this hasn’t happened.

MOE is undertaking additional work in this area, continuing to refine the draft of the physical restraint guidelines and considering how the guidelines best fit in the context of wider issues around the legislative settings, as well as with rules and standards.

Retirement!

“Plans of mice and wo-men” – the recruitment process did not proceed as the B.O.T had envisioned. Thus Kea Education has been contracted to re-advertise and to oversee the appointment of a new Principal for Parkside. I will be “with you all” until Week 6, Term Three (at this point anyway!).

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Waipuna, during Barry’s presentation.

Wishing everyone a highly positive term!!

Very best regards,

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