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No news this issue but please feel free to [email Jann Marshall](#) any time or ph: 06 349 6352.

#### Wellington

No news this issue but please feel free to [email Pauline Cleaver](#) any time.

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No news this issue but please feel free to [email Erika Ross](#) any time or call her or one of her team – all their details were in the newsletter you received recently.

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## Critical need to know and action

### Considering Education Regulation in New Zealand

Considering Education Regulation in New Zealand: Report of the Taskforce on Regulations Affecting School Performance - has recently been released by the Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata.

The report makes a number of recommendations regarding ways to improve legislation and regulation that might make it easier for schools to focus on raising student achievement. **It concludes there is a strong case to review the Education Act 1989.**

In releasing the report, the Minister announced she has asked the Ministry of Education for advice on a potential review of the Act and other recommendations by November 2014. Read the [Minister's release about the report here](#) and you can [review the report here](#)

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### Health and Safety Reform Bill

As you may know, New Zealand's current health and safety legislation is being reviewed and updated. The Health and Safety Reform Bill is currently before Select Committee and we know that it will have significant implications for the education sector. Education organisations, leaders and managers will be required to have programmes in place to

demonstrate compliance with the new legislation when it comes into effect. This is currently scheduled for April 2015.

We wanted to let you know that we are actively working to determine the potential implications of proposed changes to health and safety legislation and will be working with sector groups to develop guidance. We will keep you informed of our progress through regular updates in the Bulletin.

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## Assistive Technology news

### Prioritisation Change

The Ministry is prioritising applications for assistive technology for students with higher special learning needs (for example students who are blind and need Braille or magnification devices or students with physical disabilities who cannot hold a pen or cannot be seated safely).

The change is due to the ongoing high demand for assistive technology and reflects the changing environments in schools and the greater availability and affordability of standard devices. For more information see the [priority criteria information here](#) (you may have to scroll down)

### Virtual Learning Network

The Ministry's Centre for Assistive Technology (CAT) is pleased to announce the launch of the [Assistive Technology Virtual Learning Network \(VLN\)](#)

The VLN is a place to share and discuss assistive technology options and the ways that both specialised assistive technology and standard technologies can be used to support students with disabilities or special learning needs.

We are closing the outdated and little used CAT loan library due to the shifting needs of the sector and the rapidly changing use of a range of technologies and the web. All items will be relocating into existing regional and district loan pools. Contact the district technology coordinator at your local [Ministry of Education office](#) for more information.

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## Brief IES Update

The first IES Sector Reference Group meetings were held last week in Wellington. The group of teachers and principals was convened to give broader input from the sector about the operational aspects of implementing IES. It is scheduled to meet again at the end of August.

The IES Advisory Group meets on Wednesday 6 August in Wellington.

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## Resources that respond to the national aggregate PAI data

We have developed a set of resources that respond to the national aggregate Public Achievement Information data.

There is a progress and achievement inquiry tool that enables you to compare your school's achievement picture with the national picture. There is also a tool to help you and your teachers focus your inquiry on students not meeting expected levels and to plan specific teaching actions using strategies and resources to support this. Resources for parents and whānau to use at home to help support their child's learning are also provided.

You can find these resources [here](#) - they have been created to support you and your staff to inquire into what needs to be done differently in order to accelerate progress for those students requiring additional help to meet expectations. If you have any questions please email: [literacy.mathematics@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:literacy.mathematics@minedu.govt.nz)

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## Heads up

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## General

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### Educational Leaders Forum 2014 – Enhancing Learning Culture: Change principles and changing practices

*The eighth national annual Education Leaders Forum (ELF14) is being held in Christchurch 21-22 August. This year's theme is about strengthening the attributes of a positive learning culture in each learning community. The forum will examine the drivers behind lifting professional and student performance, picking up on the BES School Leadership and Student Outcomes - He Kura Rangatira Best Evidence Synthesis. It will also feature an engaging methodology and tools to initiate positive culture change developed by Australian organisation culture change expert and ELF14 keynote speaker, Steve Simpson.*

The Ministry is a sponsor of the forum which will feature Graham Stoop as a keynote contributor leading discussion on the Government's Investing in Educational Success (IES) initiative. You can see more about this national forum here <http://www.smartnet.co.nz/events/ELF/2014.htm> or here [www.smartnet.co.nz](http://www.smartnet.co.nz)

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### Youth Guarantee workshops in August

Whanganui (5<sup>th</sup>), Palmerston North (6<sup>th</sup>), Wairarapa (19<sup>th</sup>), Dunedin (20<sup>th</sup>), Wellington (21<sup>st</sup>). For more information [visit the YG website](#)

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### Help for schools connecting to the N4L Managed Network

We have developed [online information](#) to help schools make the most of the N4L Managed Network and we're sending posters and flyers to you shortly. To date, over 80 per cent of schools have registered their interest in connecting to the N4L Managed Network and over 600 schools are already connected to the fast, predictable internet

access it provides. Each school can benefit by ensuring their students, staff and school community are well placed to make the most of learning with digital technologies.

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## Extraordinary Care Fund

### Information from Work and Income for people receiving Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit

**Please pass onto your school communities:** If you're caring for a child who's showing promise through their high achievement in a particular area or experiencing difficulties that are significantly impacting on their development, you can apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 each financial year from the Extraordinary Care Fund to help the child achieve their potential.

An example of the sort of costs that could be met for a child showing promise is attending a representative rugby competition or selection for a national cultural activity like an orchestra. The type of costs that could be covered by a child experiencing difficulties could be extra tutoring for a child who's unable to keep up at school because of long-term absence.

Visit your local Work and Income service centre, check out their [website](#) or call them on 0800 559 009 for more information.

[I've attached a factsheet that you may find useful](#)

It provides guidance on the criteria, when and how carers can apply, and how decisions are made.

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## REGIONAL NEWS



### TAI TOKERAU | Hira Gage

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to celebrate our new region; it was a very special occasion, made even more so by your presence.

It was also an opportunity to experience some light relief following a harrowing few weeks with the aftermath of the storms.

With the new region and Director of Education role, this provides an opportunity for me to think about how our teams are organised to better meet your needs. An important part of this process is receiving feedback from you.

Most of you already have my email address [hira.gage@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:hira.gage@minedu.govt.nz) and contact details. Please feel free to talk to me at anytime. I will be initiating regular meetings across the rohe, once I have settled into the new role.

Thank you for all the mahi that you are doing for our tamariki.

Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa



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## AUCKLAND | Kevin Emery

Kia ora koutou katao

Having just completed my first week with the Ministry, I would like to introduce myself as the Director of Education for the Auckland region. Although new to the sector, my previous roles have been focused on the set-up, extension and improvement of service delivery operations across local government, private sector and public sector organisations – most recently with the Ministry of Justice.

The role of Director and the way in which this role works with both Auckland and Wellington-based Ministry staff is a reflection of a significant review of the way in which our organisation works with and supports the needs and requirements of all parts of the education community.

My role and the role of the wider Auckland regional management team is to ensure that there is a coherent and coordinated provision of Ministry services that fully supports the actual needs of the region's children and young people. For us to be able to do this, we need to continue to work closely with you as school leaders with communities, Iwi, early childhood services, local government and other agencies in a way that better recognises the leadership contribution that all parts of the sector have. Working together we can realise the achievement potential of all of our kids.

I am looking forward to working with you on this and so please feel free to contact me on 09 632 9333 or [kevin.emery@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:kevin.emery@minedu.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi, Kevin

### Other Auckland region news

- Overall Teacher Judgment Workshops for Kura and Māori medium settings using Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori are being held on 5 August at Ellerslie Events Centre and on 6 August at the Holiday Inn, Auckland Airport, both from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Please register at: <http://tmoa.tki.org.nz/Nga-Whanaketanga-Rumaki-Maori/Maori-Medium-OTJ-Workshops>
- Overall Teacher Judgement Workshops for English Medium (Series 2) begin in Auckland again on 19 August. Further information and registration details are at [www.evaluate.co.nz/otj-northern](http://www.evaluate.co.nz/otj-northern)

- Information about applying for Reading Recovery Resourcing will be posted this week to all Auckland state and state-integrated English-medium schools, that enrol six year old students. These applications are due on 19 September.

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## WAIKATO | Paula Rawiri

**Upcoming courses** [please note the course enrolment form can be used to enrol in all courses listed below]

[Course Enrolment Form](#)

[Assistive Technology for Māori Students](#)

[Making sure EveryBody counts in health and physical education lessons](#)

[Non-Violent Crisis Intervention](#)

[Talk to Learn](#)

[Welcome to My World – understanding Pasifika students in the NZ classroom](#)

**Course Cancellation - [Polyvivor](#)**

Please feel free to contact me any time on [paula.rawiri@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:paula.rawiri@minedu.govt.nz)

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## BAY OF PLENTY, ROTORUA, TAUPO | Ezra Schuster

We welcomed Cheryl Bunker back to the region at the beginning of July after three years working in our Christchurch office supporting schools affected by the earthquake. Cheryl is one of two Manager Education roles based in our Rotorua office and she is experienced in working with principals and supporting boards. She can be contacted on [Cheryl.bunker@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:Cheryl.bunker@minedu.govt.nz)

Makoha Gardiner, former local office manager for the Bay of Plenty and current Manager Education is leaving the Ministry after four years. I know many of you would have worked alongside Makoha and will have appreciated her support and leadership during this period. We wish Makoha all the very best. Her last day with us is Friday 30 August and I will

forward details of her farewell closer to this date so, if you wish, you can take advantage of this opportunity to say goodbye.

As a result of Makoha's resignation, we currently have an advert out for a 'Manager Education'. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 6 August. Click on this link to go to the advert [Manager Education Bay of Plenty](#). It is important that we find the right person to support you in your role as principals and so I have asked representatives from the respective principal associations and communities to be part of the appointment process. I hope to have completed the process by the end of August and announce the successful applicant in early September.

I am currently working through with our staff and teams' how we will reorganise ourselves to better meet your needs as sector leaders. This will involve integrating various functions (Early Childhood Education, School Advisors, Student Achievement Practitioners as well as Special Education specialists) into localised teams, providing your communities with a whole of Ministry approach.

An important part of this is making sure that what I am doing meets your needs so I am keen to meet with you and your association to listen to how I can better support you. You can do this by [emailing me directly](#) with a date and time and I will do my best to make myself available. To start things off though, I am also organising a series of breakfast meetings at some of our offices this month so I can at least meet you, listen to your important issues and share what we are doing as a Ministry.

District	Date and time	Venue	RSVP
Rotorua and Murapara	TUE 12 AUG 7.45am to 9.00am	MoE, level 3, 1144 Pukaki Street, Rotorua	8 August and note dietary requirements to <a href="mailto:mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz">mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz</a>
Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty	TUE 19 AUG 7.45am to 9.00am	MoE Level 3, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga	15 August and note dietary requirements to <a href="mailto:mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz">mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz</a>
Whakatane, Opotiki and Kawerau	MON 26 AUG 8.00am to 9.00am	Whakatane Presbyterian Church, Domain Rd, Whakatane	18 August and note dietary requirements to <a href="mailto:mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz">mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz</a>
Taupo/Turangi	WED 27 AUG 7.45am to 9.00am	TBC	22 August and note dietary requirements to <a href="mailto:mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz">mandy.airlie@minedu.govt.nz</a>

We'll start at 7.45am with coffee, tea and or juice and then a light breakfast served just before 8.15am.

I look forward to meeting you soon and you can contact me on [ezra.schuster@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:ezra.schuster@minedu.govt.nz)

Ezra Schuster, Director of Education

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## HAWKE'S BAY, GISBORNE | Marilyn Scott

### From your Director of Education

I've been in the job a little over four weeks now, and it's lovely to be back in the region. So far I've met with eight principals and have spent some time getting to know the staff in both our Napier and Gisborne offices. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming

months – please don't wait for me to make an appointment with you; if you want to talk about something, or you'd like me to visit, I'm available pretty much at any time on cell phone (027 836 4850) or my DDI (06 836 4850) - Marilyn.

### Possible changes to Senior Advisers

We now have two Managers Education overseeing integrated teams of Early Childhood, ECP (Schools) and Student Achievement Function (SAF) staff. The Managers are Viv Mulligan and Cherreen Exeter; together we have identified that in order to provide the best service and support across the region, we will create seven groupings:

East Coast	Gisborne	Wairoa	Napier	Hastings	Central Hawke's Bay	Māori Medium Education
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This will possibly mean a change in Senior Adviser for some schools and kura. From Monday 11 August, your Senior Adviser will contact you and let you know the group your school will belong to and the team of staff who will support your school and community.

### PAI Information Meetings

The Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata visited Gisborne on Friday 1 August and spoke about the newly released public achievement information. We will also host a

number of meetings in the Hawke's Bay region; dates are yet to be finalised but we will let you know as soon as we can.

## Whakapiripiri Mai

On 25-26 July, 145 people attended Whakapiripiri mai, an early learning symposium held at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga in Hastings.

Participants feedback included "This is the best professional development I have ever had", "Wow, I wish all our staff could have been here", "I will be a much better parent and teacher now" "and " Thank you for bringing us together like this; Māori, Pasifika and Pakeha. The stories have been inspirational".

We funded the symposium, which focused on improving learning outcomes for children. It ended the three year Hastings Intensive Community Participation Project (ICPP) where a range of initiatives have been successful in raising early childhood participation rates (the most significant being a 12.2% increase in Pasifika children's participation).

Symposium keynote speakers and workshop facilitators shared their knowledge, passion and commitment to ensuring all children succeed in education. Speakers emphasised the importance of 'getting it right' in the early childhood years.

Our staff from Early Childhood Education and Parents, Family and Whānau teams facilitated workshops and shared information that supported the kaupapa.

Key note speakers included:

- Ngāhiwi Tomoana, Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
- Pale Sauni, working in Pasifika health and education communities
- Marcia Cassidy, professional development programmes about the latest neuroscience of infant and adolescent brain development



Tomoana NPale Sauni



Marcia Cassidy



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**TARANAKI, WHANGANUI, MANAWATU | Jann Marshall**

No news this issue but please feel free to contact me at any time on 06 349 6352 or [jann.marshall@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:jann.marshall@minedu.govt.nz) - Jann

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**WELLINGTON | Pauline Cleaver**

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**NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, WEST COAST | Erika Ross**

No news this issue but please feel free to contact me any time on [erika.ross@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:erika.ross@minedu.govt.nz) or one of my team – all our details were in the newsletter you received recently.

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**CANTERBURY | Coralanne Child**

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Please feel free to contact me any time on [coralanne.child@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:coralanne.child@minedu.govt.nz)

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## OTAGO, SOUTHLAND | Julie Anderson



Kia ora koutou and warm Pasifika greetings

I am delighted to today take up my new role as the Director of Education for Otago and Southland. It has been a busy last week leaving Queen's High School and it has reminded me of the vital, although sometimes unsung role you have as a school leader in shaping the future of the young people you work with. Principals tend to "get on with the job" while those in front of the students are seen as having more direct impact. But I know your role is a key one in enhancing the success of your students and I am very much looking forward to meeting with you, your board and school community to hear about the achievements of the students in your school and early childhood centres.

Although I have been the Principal at Queen's High School for the last nine years, I have worked alongside Primary and ECE colleagues in my role as Head of the Mathematics Department at the Dunedin College of Education. This experience gave me an overview of each stage of a child's educational development and highlighted the importance of having the individual child and their learning progressions at the heart of what we do. Many of you will know me from my time at the College or from my advisory work in Mathematics in Otago and Southland and it will be good to rekindle those relationships. Meeting new faces in Southland and North Otago and in our Māori and Pasifika communities will be a priority for me, along with learning more about the challenges and successes in our Primary and ECE settings.

Thank you for your messages of support welcoming me into the role. I will keep you updated about the happenings in our region and please don't hesitate to contact me or our Ministry staff should you wish to discuss any matter. The Otago and Southland Ministry team and I are looking forward to working with you to ensure we provide the support you need to help your learners flourish.

Ngā mihi

Julie Anderson

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## EVENTS

21-22 AUG - [New Zealand International Education Conference, Wellington](#)

21-22 AUG - [Education Leaders Forum – ELF14 – Enhancing Learning Culture, Rydges Latimer, Christchurch](#) **New**

31 AUG – 3 SEP – [Tertiary Education Management Conference, Cairns](#) **New**

15-16 SEP – [Engage:ed – Recruitment | Engagement | Retention, Auckland](#) **New**

25-28 NOV - [International Indigenous Development Research Conference, Auckland](#)

30 NOV - 4 DEC – [International Conference of the Australian Association for Research in Education \(AARE\) in partnership with New Zealand Association for Research in Education \(NZARE\): Speaking back through research, Brisbane](#)

09-11 JUN 2015 – [International Enhancement Themes, Glasgow](#) **New**

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## UPCOMING MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS

[Click here to open the word document of upcoming Ministry information for schools from now until early 2015](#) (no update since last issue). We are compiling a calendar for 2015 based on what's been sent out in the bulletin this year. The calendar will be available later in 2014.

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## LIST OF EDUCATION-RELATED WEBSITES

Below is a list of NZ websites you may frequently access. We hope it helps to have them all in one place. If you wish to comment or have any suggestions regarding this item, please email [bulletin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:bulletin@minedu.govt.nz)

### Education agencies

[NZQA](#) | New Zealand Qualifications Authority

[ERO](#) | Education Review Office

[ENZ](#) | Education New Zealand

[NZTC](#) | New Zealand Teachers Council

[EDUCANZ](#) | Education Council of Aotearoa NZ

[Careers NZ](#)

[UNESCO](#) | United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization

### Other government education agencies

[NZSTA](#) | New Zealand School Trustees Association

[PPTA](#) | New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association

[NZPF](#) | New Zealand Principals' Federation

[SPANZ](#) | Secondary Principal's Association of NZ Inc

[NZEI Te Riu Roa](#) | New Zealand Educational Institute

[NZCER](#) | NZ Council for Educational Research

### Ministry of Education websites

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[Study it \(for NCEA students\)](#)

[Te Kete Ipurangi | TKI](#)

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