

Ministry bulletin for

SCHOOL LEADERS

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1. Reminder: June Roll Return count date is 29 May and due date 9 June - the June Roll Return is for state and state-integrated schools with students in years 9 and above. [More information is available here](#) (key dates are on page 10 and June roll return instructions on page 23) and you can also [Visit Education Counts for more information](#)
2. Amendment to state and state integrated schools' terms and holiday dates for 2015 and 2016. [Read more...](#)
3. The Upcoming Communications excel file has been [replaced with a word document](#). It's in calendar format and is populated with some upcoming information and key deadlines from now through to early 2015. We will continue to advise when updates are made to this file. We hope you find this useful but please let us know if you have suggestions for improving it.

Heads up

1. This week, schools will receive their Term 2 payment for teachers' aide funding to support eligible students with their special education needs at the school.
2. The Ministry of Health has provided information sheets to support schools and their communities, families and whānau that may be impacted by the recent law change making psychoactive substances illegal. Visit the [MOH website for information/fact sheets/support](#) and click [here for where to get help](#) and if you have questions, you can [email MOH here](#)
3. Thank you for providing your 2013 National Standards data. As with last year, we have begun the redaction process to ensure the privacy of individuals is maintained when the data are released. From 26 May we will begin sending you the redacted data along with the redaction rules. Please check the data and let us know if you have any concerns.
4. Latest school journals - in early June, schools will receive the latest three issues of the School Journal and two new titles in the School Journey Story Library series. [Read more...](#)

5. The Enterprising Primary Industries Career (EPIC) Challenge for Year 10 students promotes careers in primary industries. [Competition information is available here](#)
6. There has been a slight change to the web address for the Schools Animal Ethics Committee. It was <http://www.nzase.org.nz/ethics/> and is now <http://nzase.org.nz/about/animal-ethics/>
7. An overview of the Budget for schools will be included in the next issue of the bulletin.

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Amendment to state and state integrated schools' terms and holiday dates for 2015 and 2016

The Minister of Education has amended the school terms and holiday dates previously set for 2015 and 2016. This is to accommodate the “Mondayisation” of ANZAC Day and Waitangi Day in these years.

For primary schools, this means that the prescribed half-days for each of the 2015 and 2016 years have been reduced by two, to 384 half-days.

For secondary and composite schools, this means that the latest date of closing in 2015 and 2016 has been amended from 15 December to 16 December.

If a Board of Trustees wishes to vary the term dates other than in the limited ways prescribed, then the board must apply to the Secretary for Education for a formal change to its term dates and/or required half-days.

This notice has also been published in the Education Gazette and on the [Ministry's website](#)

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Heads up

Latest school journals in your school soon

In early June, schools will receive the latest three issues of the *School Journal* and two new titles in the School Journal Story Library series.

Within these resources, there is a wealth of thought-provoking material about the First World War. This material will support any First World War commemorations you may be planning in your school.

As usual, each issue of the *School Journal* contains a wide variety of stories, articles, plays, and poems. First World War material includes:

- an article about mascots and their place in the military (L2 June 2014)
- a darkly humorous story by Bernard Beckett entitled “Das Piano” (L3 June 2014)
- an article about Te Hokowhitu-a-Tū – The Pioneer Māori Battalion (L3 June 2014)
- an article on how the New Zealand Government of the day used a variety of methods to encourage children to support the war effort (“The Children’s War” – L4 June 2014)
- an article on the experiences of New Zealand miners building tunnels beneath enemy trenches (“Underground Soldiers” – L4 June 2014).

The two new School Journal Story Library titles are:

- In the End (L3 2014) – tells the story of two soldiers fighting in the trenches and their shared past during the Waihi miners’ strike in New Zealand in 1912. The story of the same name is published in School Journal Level 4, October 2013.
- Explorers of the Sunrise (L4 2014) is in two parts. The first, “Waka Tapu”, recounts a recent voyage from New Zealand to Rapanui and back using traditional navigation methods. The second, “The Polynesians”, provides background information about Polynesian travels, from the earliest migrations from Hawaiki, to modern-day air travel between Pacific islands and other countries.

[Teacher support materials and audio versions will be available here](#)

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Pasifika Education Plan tools for principals

In response to a number of requests from schools for support, we would like to invite primary and secondary school principals to participate in a *talanoa* workshop to refine the draft Pasifika Education Plan tools’ for principals.

The workshop is ideal for principals who require a better understanding of the Pasifika Education Plan, and who require tools to effectively implement the Plan in their schools. Workshops will be held in the evenings in the following locations:

Christchurch – 9 June 2014

Dunedin – 10 June 2014

Wellington – 11 June 2014

Auckland – 12 & 13 June 2014

Workshops will be limited to 20 participants. To register your interest and attendance, please contact Anton Carter on Anton.Carter@minedu.govt.nz or DDI (04) 463 8522.

Also see item [Pasifika Education Workforce Project](#)

And item [RFP: We are seeking a provider to deliver the PowerUP programme for Pasifika students, parents, families and communities](#)

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Youth Guarantee

Regional workshops are underway. We also have a range of resources on the Vocational Pathways for educators and students, parents and whānau, and businesses. There are also two Career Expos coming up in Hamilton and Christchurch.

Regional Workshop Calendar and Events

Regional workshops are well underway. They are a great opportunity to engage with the Achievement 2013-17 and Vocational Pathways initiatives. [Register now](#)

Careers Expos are underway. ITOs are presenting a combined Vocational Pathways based initiative with interesting displays and activities students can engage in and find out what the industry sectors are all about. [Visit an event](#)

Vocational Pathways

A reminder to everyone about the range of resources available on the Vocational Pathways for educators and students, parents, whānau and businesses. Please refer to www.youthguarantee.net.nz or <http://secondary.tki.org.nz/> to download the information.

Resources available

Vocational Profile – login into www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/

[Partnerships for Learning](#)

[Vocational Pathways booklets](#)

[Profile Builder](#) to build a vocational pathway

[Contextualised learning resources](#) (scroll down to view including examples)

[Curriculum guidance documents](#) (scroll down to view)

[Internal assessment resources](#) for NCEA Levels 1 and 2

[Vocational Pathways brochure](#)

[Vocational Pathways for employers](#)

Sector related flyers - [Primary Industries](#), [Services Industries](#), [Social & Community Services](#), [Manufacturing & Technology](#), [Construction & Infrastructure](#)

More about the Youth Guarantee

[View our newsletter or subscribe](#) to receive detailed updates on activity across the secondary-tertiary interface

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2015 secondary and area school study awards and sabbaticals

Applications for the 2015 study awards and sabbaticals for secondary and area teachers and principals close **Monday 9 June 2014**. So apply now! We can support study towards qualifications and professional learning so you don't have to juggle study time with your role as a teacher. To find out more, and to apply, visit our [TeachNZ website](#)

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Ministry launches new e-books: NZSL week 12 – 18 May

The Ministry in collaboration with Deaf Aotearoa launched seven new e-books to celebrate New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) week.

The new e-books are the first digital resources of their kind to be developed in New Zealand. They have been developed especially for young children who use sign to give them access to stories through NZSL.

The e-books are available to all schools from iTunes and Google Play. Hairy Maclary costs \$6.49 to download. Ready to Read e-books are free.

[Click here](#) for the previews on itunes (Apple devices)

Here are the previews on Google play (Android devices)

[latefortherace](#)

[Talkingtonanny](#)

[Iwanttofly](#)

[Timscostume](#)

[Aspecialvisittokoroandnanny](#)

[Thekingsbirthday](#)

Education Minister Hekia Parata launched six e-books on 14 May at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Wellington. The six e-books are NZSL translations of the Ministry's well-established Ready to Read series used in New Zealand classrooms to help children learn to read and develop their literacy skills.

On Friday 16 May, the Minister for Disability Issues, Tariana Turia, launched an NZSL translation of iconic Kiwi children's story, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, by New Zealand author Dame Lynley Dodd. Minister Turia launched the e-book at Shirley First Learners in Christchurch.

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Schools sharing their digital learning experiences

Schools have started responding to the Ministry's call to share their insights and experiences on learning with digital technologies.

Examples so far include how schools are implementing the use of individual devices for students, how teachers are using new online tools to collaborate more effectively in focused professional learning sessions, and how digital technologies are being used across learning areas.

We are working with experienced developers of curriculum resources from the Ministry's Curriculum Resources Panel to develop materials on learning with digital technologies. These materials will be published online and available for schools to use on their own websites and for their own purposes.

The Ministry will provide teacher relief to any schools who may be asked to work directly with the developers.

Please send us your experiences by 23 May. The more experiences we can share the greater the benefit to all schools. [More information is available here](#)

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Safe and secure Internet use

Schools are responsible for ensuring that an appropriate level of internet safety and security is in place for their school and is outlined in policies and procedures to guide staff and students.

Boards can contact the New Zealand School Trustees Association for advice and support on this. Schools receive government funding for internet security services and cyber-safety programmes and those connected to the Network for Learning (N4L) managed network [are offered content filtering and firewall services as a core part of their N4L package](#)

Schools connected to the managed network will progressively move off their Ministry-funded WatchDog, SchoolZone or Websense services as the N4L content filtering and firewall offerings cover their needs.

Because no content filtering solution or firewall can guarantee full protection, schools are advised to also take advantage of [digital citizenship](#) and [cyber-safety programmes and resources](#)

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Latest ESOL news

[Click here to view the newsletter](#), which includes details about the 2014 Period 1 (Terms 1 & 2) funding payment which was made for 31,829 students in 1,327 schools. We look at how schools are progressing in making the transition to the use of ELLP to establish eligibility for funding, and remind teachers about the 2014 CLESOL conference. We highlight the Reading Together programme and a sports day which is especially for ELLs in intermediate schools.

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Pasifika Education Workforce Project

We would like to invite Pasifika primary and secondary teachers and Pasifika principals to participate in a series of *talanoa* workshops to discuss the Pasifika Education Workforce project (including objectives, targets, and links to other key Ministry initiatives).

Workshops will be held in the evenings in the following locations:

Christchurch – 28 May 2014

Dunedin – 29 May 2014

Auckland (3 sessions) – 3 - 5 June 2014

Wellington (2 sessions) – 6 & 7 June 2014

Invites will be sent out with more information about the project including confirmed session times and venue details. Workshops will be limited to 20 participants. If you have any questions or would like to register your attendance, please contact Tai Richard on Tai.Richard@minedu.govt.nz or DDI (04) 463 8063.

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RFP: PowerUP programme for Pasifika students, parents, families and communities

We are seeking a provider(s) to deliver the PowerUP programme for Pasifika students, parents, families and communities. The PowerUP programme is a core component of the implementation of the Pasifika Education Plan 2013 -2017.

The programme actively supports parents and families to champion their children's learning to achieve increased education success and also provides a venue for students to access teachers and academic mentors in specific subject areas, in particular English, Maths and Sciences.

The delivery of the PowerUp programme will be through a series of workshops that meet the specific and variable needs of Pasifika children and families. PowerUP is complimentary and is intended to support and strengthen school programmes focused on student achievement e.g. National Standards, NCEA, UE, parent interviews.

The RFP closes on 4 June with information available on the [GETS website](#) and for more information [please email Michelle Saban](#)

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Teaching Scotland's future

Improving professional learning...[a website that may be useful](#) – it's a national programme to deliver improvements in teacher professional learning

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Special Education: The Future shape of the Special Schools network in greater Christchurch. The government is investing \$1.137 billion in education renewal in greater Christchurch. This provides a timely and unique opportunity to consider the region's current special education provision with a view to designing a network that best serves our community in the future. [Read more...](#)

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