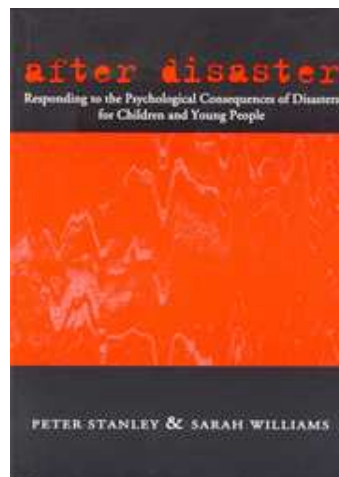


# ISNZ Newsletter

## To our Christchurch Schools

Our thoughts have been with our member schools in Christchurch as they cope with the devastation of the 4 September earthquake. Member schools throughout the country have expressed their concern and offered support during the last month, all of which has been much appreciated by our Christchurch members. The ISNZ membership remains ready and willing to provide assistance wherever and whenever needed. I have so much admiration and respect for the concern and support offered to colleagues within the ISNZ family, particularly in times of adversity. It is that concern and support, in the good times and the bad, that I hope is at the heart of what ISNZ stands for.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, the New Zealand Council for Educational Research is making available for free download a book to help schools support students. *After Disaster* was published by NZCER Press in 2000 and written by registered psychologists Peter Stanley, now senior lecturer, Department of Human Development and Counselling, The University of Waikato, and Sarah Williams. Described by the authors as a psychological first aid guide, it contains research-based information to help teachers understand children's likely immediate and longer-term responses to disaster. It includes ideas of questions to prompt classroom discussion, and activities to help students work through their experiences. Schools are welcome to download all or parts of the book, and to share it with their communities. <http://www.nzcer.org.nz/>



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I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Mr Ray Webb, Regional Manager, Ministry of Education in Christchurch, for his willingness to keep us updated at ISNZ of progress, processes and essential information following the earthquake.

## ISNZ 2010 Annual Conference: *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

**A huge 'thank you' to all those who supported the ISNZ Annual Conference in Queenstown.** It was wonderful to see so many Board members, Heads/Principals, Business Managers/Bursars and other school personnel, sponsors and partners attend the 2-day event at the Millennium. We have been delighted with the feedback and the positive response to the combined two-day conference model. Many delegates felt that it was of huge benefit having everyone together, in the same place, at the same time, hearing the same message. We have taken note of the suggestions and recommendations made by delegates and will certainly consider these in an effort to improve the conference programme for 2011.

## ISNZ 2011 Annual Conference: 27-28 May 2011

There is no rest for the wicked! We are well and truly in planning mode for 2011 with the programme almost complete. The annual conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Auckland, 27-28 May 2011. The conference programme is again being designed to be provocative, practical and informative. We have engaged some outstanding speakers for next year and we look forward to sending you the preliminary programme at the end of next month. In the meantime mark these dates in your diary!!

### Government and Parliament

#### Private Schools Sector Portfolio: Change in Ministerial Warrant

As you will be aware on 3 August 2010 Hon Heather Roy's position as ACT deputy leader was challenged confirming first-term MP John Boscawen as the new deputy leader of the ACT Party. Boscawen replaces Heather Roy as Minister of Consumer Affairs, and will also take Rodney Hide's associate commerce portfolio. Minister Hide will take the associate education portfolio that includes the private schools portfolio.

As part of the reshuffle ACT dropped its involvement in the associate defence portfolio to focus on what it says are core ACT issues, most notably education.

I shall be meeting with Minister Hide on 21 October to give him an overview of the independent schools sector and briefing him on the key issues facing the sector. From there we will meet with him again for more in-depth discussion on key focus areas.

During the next couple of months we shall be working on the Government Relations Plan that will frame our discussions with Minister Hide in 2011 and leading up to the general election. You will be furnished with this document in due course. In the meantime I would invite you to submit any issues you would like considered for inclusion in this paper.

#### Aspire Scholarships Scheme

I have enclosed the demographic profile report (for Heads and Business Managers) prepared by the Ministry of Education regarding the 2010 and 2011 Aspire Scholarship applicants and recipients for your interest.

Please also note the table below, which indicates when key actions by the Ministry personnel are expected to take place regarding the implementation of the 2012 Aspire Scholarships. The report and this table will also be sent to Principals/Heads.

#### Proposed Timeline 2012 Aspire Scholarships

Further planning; development of application form, information sheets and advertising documents	31 October 2010–24 December 2010
Launch revised information, 2012 application form and advertising	5 January 2011
Closing date for applications	9 May 2011
Aspire panel to meet and oversee the selection of 2012 Aspire recipients	End of May 2011
All applicants notified of the outcome of their application	6 June 2011
All scholarship recipients must have enrolled at a private school by this date unless they have been granted an extension by the Ministry of Education	11 July 2011

#### Education Amendment Bill No 2

As reported in earlier correspondence with you the purpose of the Education Amendment Bill No 2 is to amend the Education Act 1989 (the Act). Regarding private schools, the Bill proposes to update and clarify the current registration criteria for private schools and to establish a "fit and proper person" requirement for managers of private schools. The elements of this reform are:

- The Bill provides for how private schools may be provisionally or fully registered (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35A into the Act). The Secretary for Education may require managers of unregistered private schools to apply for registration (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35B into the Act). The criteria a private school must meet (such as suitable premises, nine or more students, suitable staffing and equipment and "suitable tuition standards") for registration are prescribed (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35C into the Act). The meaning of the term "suitable premises" for private schools is defined (ie " ... suitable for a school of its description and [for] the number of students ...") (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35D into the Act).

### Education Amendment Bill No 2 cont'd

The approval of the Secretary must be obtained for additional or different premises (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35E into the Act). Suitable tuition standards for private schools are described (ie no lower than at State schools "of the same class levels") (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35F into the Act).

- The Bill provides for those things that must be taken into account when assessing whether a person is a fit and proper person to be a manager of a private school, and also requires the new management of a registered private school to be assessed in the same way. These things include: whether they have any convictions, health problems that may affect ability to meet obligations, any adjudication of bankruptcy or prohibition of being a company director, any cancellation of the registration of a school of which the person was a manager or any breach of the statutory duties of a school manager (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35G into the Act).

The Bill also provides that:

- the managers of a private school must advise the Secretary if the school is about to cease operation (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35H into the Act);
- the Chief Review Officer must review private schools when they are provisionally registered and while fully registered (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35I into the Act);
- private schools with a significant number of foreign students must contribute proportionally to the costs of such reviews (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35J into the Act). (NB: In the ISNZ submissions, it was stated that "ISNZ strongly objects to this proportionate cost ... being imposed on private schools. This proportionate cost does not apply to state or state integrated schools.)
- the Secretary may take corrective action (including suspension of a private school's registration) in certain circumstances (such as not meeting prescribed criteria) (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35K into the Act);
- the Secretary may suspend a private school's registration at any time if the welfare of the students at the school is at risk (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35L into the Act);
- the duration of suspension under new section 35K or 35L is provided for (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35M into the Act);
- the process for the cancellation of a private school's registration is provided for (mainly related to fairness) (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new section 35N into the Act);
- the Minister may make grants to private schools (this corresponds with the current Section 35C) (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new sections 35O-35Q into the Act);
- amendments relating to suspensions and expulsions from private schools and offences largely carry over existing provisions (Part 1, clause 11, inserting new sections 35R and 35S into the Act).

The Bill has passed the First Reading and the Education and Science Select Committee is due to report back on 1 November 2010.

## Ministry of Education

### Studying in New Zealand Schools on Visitors visas

You may be aware that on 13 June 2010, the Minister of Immigration, Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, announced changes to allow study in New Zealand schools on visitor visas. These changes took effect on Monday 26 July 2010.

The Ministry of Education has revised its circular on eligibility to enroll in New Zealand schools to take account of these immigration changes. It is now *Circular 2010/01—Updated* and is available online at [www.minedu.govt.nz/circular2010/10](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/circular2010/10).

The *Guidelines for schools hosting short-term international visitors*, including FAQs and a flowchart are now available as a download from the bottom of that webpage or can be accessed directly at: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/PublicationsAndResources/Circulars/Current/Circular201001Updated/Guidelines.aspx> <

The direct link to the FAQs is: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/PublicationsAndResources/Circulars/Current/Circular201001Updated/FAQs.aspx>

Questions regarding the Circular update may be directed to Kate Ford ([kate.ford@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:kate.ford@minedu.govt.nz)) or Pam Robertson ([pam.robertson@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:pam.robertson@minedu.govt.nz)) and questions about the international visitor guidelines may be directed to Deborah Tennet ([deborah.tennet@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:deborah.tennet@minedu.govt.nz)).

### Revised 2010 Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

This Review is now complete. The revised Code, along with information on key changes and FAQs can be found at the Ministry of Education's website: [www.minedu.govt.nz/codeofpractice](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/codeofpractice).

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## ISNZ Regional Meetings

Board members, Heads and Bursars will have received an invitation to attend one of the following regional meetings. Please note that the memorandum for the Auckland Regional meeting has not gone out yet but will be held on Thursday 11 November (venue to be confirmed). We hope that you will encourage the appropriate personnel from your school to attend this forum.

**Hamilton Regional Meeting: Tuesday 12 October: St Peter's College, Cambridge: 5.45 pm–7.30 pm**

**Wellington Regional Meeting: Wednesday 13 October: Queen Margaret College: 5.45 pm–7.30 pm**

**Christchurch Regional Meeting: Thursday 14 October: Selwyn House School: 5.45 pm–7.30 pm**

**Auckland Regional Meeting: Thursday 11 November: King's College: 5.45 pm–7.30 pm**

**Purpose:** A networking opportunity, an update on ISNZ matters and a presentation on current employment issues affecting the independent schools sector.

**Employment issues:**

- The extension of 90 day trial periods to all workplaces, and the recent employer defeat in the first major 90 day case: how to gain the benefits of trial periods while avoiding the pitfalls.
- The proposed change to union access to the workplace, allowing employers to refuse consent to union access: how will the requirement that employers “not reasonably withhold” consent work in practice?
- The proposals to allow employers to require proof of illness after one day's absence, and to allow employees to cash up the fourth week of annual leave.

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## 2010 ISNZ Statistics Returns

By now you will have received the analysis report of the ISNZ Member School Statistical returns. You will note that our member schools have seen a forecast decrease of 2.1% in overall student numbers in 2010. This follows a 2.5% decrease in 2009. We are forecasting a further decrease in 2011 of around 1.8% in overall student numbers.

You may be interested to know that according to the OECD's latest *Education at a Glance* New Zealand school choice options are “below OECD average”.

*The percentage of New Zealand school pupils in private schools is just below the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average of 3.6% and is much lower than the school choice leaders.*

Nearly 85% of New Zealand primary and lower secondary school pupils are in state schools, a much higher percentage than the Netherlands (30%), Belgium (44%) and Chile (45%). New Zealand's independent private schools have 3.4% of all pupils, compared with an OECD average of 3.6%. We will be addressing this issue in our Government Relations portfolio.

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## ISNZ Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was an auspicious occasion at the conference this year and served to remind us of the exceptional people we have teaching the students in our schools. Our goal is to continue to identify, acknowledge and reward exceptional professional performance in ISNZ Member Schools.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors, **Distinction**, **Specific Yearbooks** and **Cambridge International Examinations**, for their support of this initiative.

We have now successfully completed six years rewarding Excellence in Teaching and notification has gone out to member schools in the last week calling for nominations for the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Awards. We hope that all member schools will nominate teachers for this prestigious award. Nominations **close on Friday 19 November 2010**.

The winners will be announced and presented with their prizes at the ISNZ Annual Conference in May in Auckland. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 27 May 2011.

The AHIS Executive is currently finalising the details of a new category to be introduced within the Awards initiative. Further information will be sent to you before the end of the year.

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## Girdlers' Scholarship

One award is given each year for study at Cambridge University's Corpus Christi College. The deadline for applications is 1 December. More information can be found on the New Zealand Vice Chancellors Committee (NZVCC) website: [www.nzvcc.ac.nz](http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz).

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## Independent Schools Association (ISA)

The ISA AGM was held on Saturday 28 August at the Millennium Hotel, Queenstown. Peter Ferguson, David McCulloch and David Bennett were each reappointed for a further term of three years.

### ISA Executive 2010/2011

Peter Ferguson	King's College
David McCulloch	Saint Kentigern Trust Board
David Bennett	Scots College
Garry Moore	St Andrew's College
Sophia Warren	Springbank School
Peter Couchman	Christ's College

The Chairman Peter Ferguson, expressed gratitude to Sue Guppy from Chilton Saint James School, and Harry McLernon from Medbury School for the service they have given to the ISA/ISNZ Executive over a number of years. The Chairman acknowledged that both Sue and Harry have been very supportive of the ISNZ cause. Peter Couchman, Christ's College, has filled the Christchurch vacancy on the ISA executive and an appointment to fill the Wellington vacancy is yet to be made.

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## ISNZ Sponsors

We enjoyed seeing so many of our sponsors at the Conference in Queenstown. The continued loyalty and support for ISNZ is very much appreciated. Without this support we would have to increase the student levy significantly. We hope that member schools will be mindful of this and in doing so give sponsors, at the very least, the opportunity to promote their product/service and present a proposal as the need arises.

A message from Tim Blake, Group Marketing Manager, Spanbild, Bronze sponsor:

*"The Spanbild Group was proud to join the select group of ISNZ Sponsors at the recent 'Reach for the Sky' ISNZ National Conference in Queenstown.*

*Comprising of household brand names that include; Versatile, Totalspan, Ideal, Portabuild, Spanbilt and Stablemate, the Spanbild Group offers New Zealand's broadest range of building solutions and a modular design and manufacturing capability that has very few limits.*

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*In this regard, we would encourage you to make contact with me either via e-mail [tblake@spanbild.co.nz](mailto:tblake@spanbild.co.nz) or via mobile 027-476-953) to discuss your respective asset programmes and identify where the Spanbild group may be able to assist. The Spanbild group recognises member ISNZ Schools as a national purchasing body and as such offer pricing that reflects the scale and significance of your network.*

*It was a pleasure to meet many of you in Queenstown and I look forward to developing a deeper relationship with many of you over the coming years."*

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## ISNZ Staff Appointment

ISNZ has recently appointed Annabelle O'Meara to the position of Events Coordinator. Annabelle works on a part-time basis for ISNZ and will assist in the development of strategies/plans for the delivery of the Professional Development programme and Annual Conference. We are delighted to have Annabelle join us and I'm sure many of you will get to know her in the next few months as we complete this year's professional development events and start on the 2011 programme.

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## Membership

- **Saint Kentigern College:** ISNZ warmly congratulates **Mr W Douglas Goodfellow OBE, Hon LLD** recently inducted as a Business Hall of Fame laureate. Mr Goodfellow has a close association with Saint Kentigern College and was appointed to the Board in 1959 and is still a serving Board member. He also served as Board Chairman from 1965 to 2000. He was known for his generosity, commitment and wise counsel over a long period of Chairmanship. He has always ensured stability and consolidation of the Board and has been a dedicated contributor to the steady growth of both the School and the College operations.

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**Deborah James**

Executive Director

- **Diocesan School wins gold international award for school prospectus:** Diocesan School for Girls has won a top international award for its latest prospectus which showcases the educational opportunities at the all-girls independent school in Auckland. Diocesan's prospectus won the International gold Award at the Australasian Centre for Marketing Schools conference held in Adelaide this month. Conference organisers said more than 30 schools from countries including mainly Britain, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand competed in the awards which applaud quality prospectuses that promote schools both in their home countries and abroad. In selecting the winning prospectus, the judges examined several aspects including word density, fun content, language, photography, the principal's message and the call to action. The award judges said that Diocesan's entry presented appealing visual impressions that followed through with basic information using lively, modern language. They described the photography in Diocesan's prospectus as "beautiful and rich".
- **National Winners announced in Monetary Policy Challenge:** The Reserve Bank announced recently that **Kristin School** from Auckland is the national winner of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand 2010 Monetary Policy Challenge (MPC). Tauranga Boys' College was placed second and **Scots College** from Wellington came third.

The national final took place at the Reserve Bank in Wellington and was hotly contested. The judges were Assistant Governor John McDermott and two economists from the Bank.

Kristin School won \$2,500 in prize money for their school and visited the Reserve Bank to watch the announcement of the next *Monetary Policy Statement* by Governor Alan Bollard. The other competitors in the national final were **Saint Kentigern College** (Auckland), Christchurch Girls' College and Timaru Boys' High School.

The judges said the finalists performed to a very high standard, and determining the winning school was a very difficult task. They were particularly impressed with the depth of economic understanding shown by Kristin School. "Kristin School demonstrated exceptional understanding of economics and how monetary policy operates in New Zealand. They provided a comprehensive analysis on the economy and worked really well together to answer some very challenging questions."

The MPC is designed to expand senior secondary school economics students' understanding of monetary policy, and it links to NCEA achievement standards. Each team analyses the economic conditions facing New Zealand and the outlook for inflation. On the basis of that analysis, they decide on an appropriate setting for the Official Cash Rate (the Reserve Bank's interest rate). Each team provides the reasons for their decision in a written submission and, if selected as a regional finalist, an oral presentation.

The MPC is open to all New Zealand secondary school economics students and runs annually from May to August.

## Upcoming ISNZ Professional Development/Events

Hamilton Regional Meeting: Tuesday 12 October St Peter's College, Cambridge  
Wellington Regional Meeting: Wednesday 13 October: Queen Margaret College, Wellington  
Christchurch Regional Meeting: Thursday 14 October: Selwyn House School, Christchurch  
Aspiring Leaders Seminar: Thursday 4 November: ISNZ Office, Wellington  
New Board Members Seminar: Friday 5 November: ISNZ Office, Wellington  
Music Teachers: Thursday 4 November: Saint Kentigern College, Auckland  
ISNZ Non Member School Forum: Thursday 11 November, King's College, Auckland  
Auckland Regional Meeting: Thursday 11 November: King's College, Auckland

## Other Conferences/Workshops:

Education Leaders Forum 20-21 October 2010

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