

ISNZ Newsletter

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

It seems like a lifetime since we were in Auckland for the Annual Independent Schools of New Zealand Conference. However, I would once again like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who so willingly helped to make the 2008 Conference a resounding success.

The conference provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet Bursars, Heads and Board members from our schools and to put names to faces. Thank you so much for the welcome and support that so many of you extended to the ISNZ organisation and to me personally in my new role.

A subcommittee with representatives from AHIS (Heads), ASBA (Bursars) and ISNZ (Governors) has been set up to review the Conference model. Any major changes will take effect from 2010. I would welcome feedback and constructive criticism on how we might improve the conference model. Modifications to the registration process and registration options will be made for the 2009 Conference to cater for all people who may have an interest in attending some or all of the Conference sessions.

Conference 2009 “Sustainable Innovation”

The 17th Annual Independent Schools of New Zealand Conference will be held at the Duxton Hotel in Wellington 29-30 May 2009. The ASBA (Bursars) conference will run from 27-28 May and the AHIS (Heads) conference from 28-29 May.

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Charities Commission

We have received formal notification from the Charities Commission that the applications from The Association of the Heads of Independent Schools (AHIS), The Heads of Independent Schools Scholarship Trust (HISST) and the Independent Schools of New Zealand (ISNZ) to be registered as charitable entities have all been successful.

We have been advised that the application from the Independent Schools Association (ISA) may be declined. The Charities Commission referred to the ISA constitution as allowing the Association to be involved in non-charitable activities. We have responded to the Commission stating the objects of the Association and emphasising the charitable purposes of the association.

Research

Sheffield Remuneration Survey 2008

The report is now complete and has been distributed to Heads and Chairs of ISNZ Member Schools. All ISNZ Member Schools were invited to participate in the remuneration survey. Thirty-nine schools responded positively giving a total of 299 valid records of data that were analysed. For the purpose of this survey, all data submitted was current and accurate as of Friday 11 April 2008.

Castalia Research: Guideline for Forecasting School Rolls: Report to ISNZ May 2008

The report is now complete and has been distributed to Bursars and Heads of ISNZ Member Schools. The guideline provides an overall framework to serve as a guide for preparing forecasts for individual schools and to assist in the planning of capital expenditure programmes.

New Executive Members

Following the ASBA, AHIS, ISA and ISNZ 2008 Annual General Meetings there have been changes to the Executive Boards of each constituent group. The 2008-2009 Executive Boards are as follows:

Independent Schools Association Inc (ISA) Executive

Chairman: Peter Ferguson, King's College
Deputy Chairman: David McCulloch, Saint Kentigern School & College
David Bennett, Scots College
Sue Guppy, Chilton Saint James School
Harry McLernon, Medbury School
Garry Moore, St Andrew's College
Sophia Warren, Springbank School

Independent Schools of New Zealand Charitable Trust (ISNZ) Executive

Chairman: Peter Ferguson, King's College
Deputy Chairman: Ross Scrymgeour, Hereworth School
David Bennett, Scots College
Sue Britton, Kings School
Sue Guppy, Chilton Saint James School
Royce Helm, Southwell School
Roy Kelley, King's College
David McCulloch, Saint Kentigern School & College
Harry McLernon, Medbury School
Julie Moor, Rangī Ruru Girls' School
Garry Moore, St Andrew's College
Sophia Warren, Springbank School

Association of Heads of Independent Schools (AHIS) Executive

President: Ross Scrymgeour, Hereworth School
Vice President: Julie Moor, Rangī Ruru Girls' School
Peter Clague, Kristin School
Carol Craymer, Queen Margaret College
Royce Helm, Southwell School
Roy Kelley, King's College
Simon Leese, Christ's College

Association of School Bursars and Business Administrators (ASBA) Executive

President: Sue Britton, King's School
Vice President: Merle Boniface, Diocesan School for Girls
Secretary: Annette Lendrum, Queen Margaret College
Treasurer: Marc Scott, St Peter's School, Cambridge
Geoff Cain, The Cathedral Grammar School
Hock Gan, Kristin School
Martin Thomson, Dilworth Trust Board
Peter Welham, St Margaret's College

“The Young do not know enough to be prudent and therefore attempt the impossible and achieve it generation after generation.”

Pearl S Buck

Law Commission: Review of the laws relating to private schools

The Law Commission is currently reviewing the laws relating to private schools. Each of our Principals was sent a summary of the questions being investigated in the review along with a questionnaire to be completed and returned to the Law Commission. To assist schools in making submissions, the ISNZ office provided schools with guideline submissions. These were intended as a guideline only and provided on the understanding that schools would have differing views on some aspects of the areas being investigated. To assist schools further a workshop on the Review was included in the ISNZ conference programme. This was well attended and proved to be extremely worthwhile. It gave Heads and Boards a greater understanding of the laws as they stand at present and the implications of any changes to current laws.

John Burrows QC, Law Commissioner, agreed to extend the timeframe for submissions to 20 June 2008. Thirteen of the 43 ISNZ Member Schools made submissions. The Law Commissioner has advised that he will furnish us with proposals for our comment and consideration once all submissions have been analysed. We are not expecting the proposals before the election.

Sponsors

May I say a huge “thank you” to our sponsors for their continued support of Independent Schools of New Zealand. It was lovely to meet with many of you at the Conference and we are extremely grateful for the contribution you make to this annual event. Please feel free to send any recommendations and suggestions of how we might improve your trade exhibition opportunities at the Conference and how we can continue to develop our working relationship with you. I have noted for our Conference review that many of you would like to be able to attend some of the Conference sessions. We will certainly make that option available to you in the 2009 Conference registration.

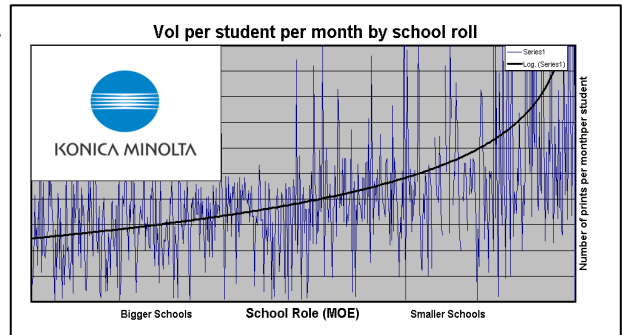
Comment from Konica Minolta: Gold Sponsor

Why do larger schools make half as many prints as smaller schools?

With 52% of New Zealand schools using MFP, copier / printer equipment from ISNZ Gold sponsor, Konica Minolta, there is a large amount of document usage information available to analyse copy and print trends. This valuable information allows Konica Minolta to guide schools to the most appropriate and cost effective long-term solution.

Data obtained from approximately 1600 schools reveals that larger schools make only around **half the number of prints, per pupil, per month, than smaller schools?**

This is the same trend whether the school is a Primary, Intermediate or Secondary.



Efficiency? Economy of scale? Control systems? Outsourcing? Society support? Infrastructure? **Why?**

Konica Minolta would welcome your view and if you are part of the 48% of non Konica Minolta users they would welcome analysis of your data. Of note the trend differs when the data is analyzed by decile rating, but that story will need to wait until the next newsletter. (contact - athol.evans@konicaminolta.co.nz)

Education Review Office

Carol Craymer (Principal, Queen Margaret College) and I met with ERO on Wednesday 14 May 2008. Heads of ISNZ Member Schools were invited to submit agenda items. In attendance from ERO were Graham Stoop, Chief Review Officer; Frances Salt, National Manager Reporting Services, and Jenny Clark, National Manager Public Affairs. Discussion was based around the conduct of ERO reviews in schools and the legislative requirements of ERO in reviewing private schools.

It was noted that where a school has a concern with a review process, the ERO Area Manager should be notified immediately at the time of the review. ERO also asked that schools be made aware that the time spent at each school is determined by the size of the school. The hours allocated often preclude a more in-depth review. The Review Officers suggested that where schools would like parental attitude of the school considered as part of the review process, schools should carry out their own parent surveys and include the results with documentation for ERO. ERO is happy to be consulted on any future areas of concern with regard to the process and methodology of reviews of private schools. ERO suggested schools nominate a “friend of the school” to sit at the shoulder of the reviewer throughout the ERO visit.

ISNZ office is on the move

The ISNZ office is moving a little further down Lambton Quay to Allied Nationwide Finance House, Level 16, 142 Lambton Quay. At this stage the telephone and facsimile numbers will remain the same.

We are very excited about the move and hope that when you are in Wellington you will visit us in our new premises. Our new office space will boast a meeting room, a luxury we have not had before. We warmly invite you to make use of this facility should you require a meeting room when in Wellington.

The ISNZ office will be closed Wednesday 10 September to Friday 12 September while we move and set up our network system etc. For urgent enquiries, I can be contacted on my cellphone 0274 191 679. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Congratulations

Excellence in Teaching Awards 2008

Excellence in Teaching Awards 2008 were presented at the annual Conference to:

Jacqui Larkin, Springbank School
Emma Featherstone, King's School
Barbara Knight, Queen Margaret College

Our warmest congratulations go to this year's recipients who were presented with their awards at Conference. We would like to once again acknowledge the support of Konica Minolta, Spacific Yearbooks and Distinction for their sponsorship of these awards.

Promotion of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards will go out to schools in September. We would encourage Principals to nominate teachers for these prestigious awards.



L-R Emma, Jacqui and Barbara

Heads of Independent Schools Scholarship Trust (HISST) Awards 2008

The Heads of Independent Schools Scholarships Trust has awarded scholarships of \$3500 each to:

Jill Pears, Selwyn House School
Owen Arnst, The Cathedral Grammar School.

Jill Pears will attend and present a paper at the "Scratch" conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston and attend the Robotics Education Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Owen Arnst, as part of a sabbatical period, will visit four schools in the United Kingdom with a study focus on the provision of learning support for children who are not as capable, academically, as their peers.

The Award recipients will present papers of their findings at the AHIS Forum in September. Promotion of the 2009 HISST awards will go out to schools in early October to all schools.

The NEiTA Foundation 2008 Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership

The Minister of Education, Chris Carter, recently hosted a Gala Luncheon in the Grand Hall of Parliament Buildings for the NEiTA Foundation's National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards.

We warmly congratulate **Vicky Binedell, St Cuthbert's College**, who was a recipient in the Secondary Teaching category. Vicky has two main goals every lesson – teach a new concept in mathematics or statistics; and inspire students to take responsibility for the environment. She has highly interactive whiteboard teaching skills, prefers electronic textbooks, and makes extensive use of the college intranet to set paperless assignments, quizzes, and gain student feedback. She is admired and respected by students and colleagues.

2007 New Zealand Scholarship Top Scholar Awards

His Excellency The Governor-General of New Zealand, the Hon Anand Satyanand recently hosted Top Scholars, their families, Principals and other guests at Government House in Wellington to award the 2007 New Zealand Scholarship Top Scholar Awards. The following candidates from our ISNZ Member Schools are Premier Award winners for the 2007 New Zealand Scholarship Awards.

Samuel Bookman, Saint Kentigern College
James Ruddell, Saint Kentigern College

NB There were eight Premier Award winners.



The following candidates are ISNZ Member Schools top subject scholars for the 2007 New Zealand Scholarship Awards.

Frances Clark, ACG Senior College English
Jericho Cleary, Diocesan School for Girls Physical Education
Juliet Greer, St Cuthbert's College Visual Arts
Jesse Hart, Saint Kentigern College Music Studies
Paul Smith, Scots College Geography
Stephanie Thompson, Diocesan School for Girls Art History
Stephanie Thompson, Diocesan School for Girls Media Studies

NB There were 27 top subject scholars for 2007.

Paul Smith from Scots College

Congratulations cont'd

The Cathedral Grammar School in World Literature Quiz

Four Christchurch children have won a place in the world final of the Kids' Literature Quiz and will travel to England to represent New Zealand against seven other countries. The four students of The Cathedral Grammar School won the competition recently in a sudden death best of three round at the end of the final, which had evolved from regional competitions involving almost 400 teams across the country.

Brianna Roberts, Geraldine Roche, Lucy Tohill and Edward Roche answered questions across 10 categories of literature, from nursery rhymes and children's classics, to comics and the latest books written for young adults.

NPO Pacific Rim International Student Camp 2008

We warmly congratulate **Harrison Tocher, Scots College**, who has been selected as a representative of New Zealand to the Pacific Rim International Camp 2008. Pacific Rim International Camp is a scholarship programme that provides a forum of international exchange for youths of the Pacific Rim region. The camp is hosted in Japan and aims to promote cultural appreciation and international friendship through close interaction. The camp's goal is to help the campers learn the importance of personal contribution in building a multinational society based on friendship and to help meet the challenges of globalisation.

Students win silver at International Young Physicist Tournament

New Zealand secondary school students have won a silver medal at the 21st International Young Physicist Tournament held recently in Trogir, Croatia. The IYPT is a competition among teams of second school students that tests their ability to solve complicated scientific problems. Teams both present solutions to these problems and defend them in scientific discussions called "Physics Fights".

This year 21 countries took part, including Australia, China and Iran. In the final round, the New Zealand team gained the highest score of the entire tournament to get them into the final, up against Croatia and Germany. This is the second year in a row New Zealand has made the final.

The team's success exemplifies the results of recent PISA studies into science literacy, which found that when compared to their international counterparts, New Zealand students have particular strengths in identifying the scientific issues and the use of scientific evidence. The New Zealand team was captained by **Ben Paterson, King's College**.

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Welcome to new Chairs

We extend a warm welcome to the following new Board Chairs:

Mr Derek Firth, Dilworth School
Ms Jenni Raynish, Kadimah School
Mr Trevor Douthett, Queen Margaret College
and wish them well in their chairmanships.

Did you know ...

New Fulbright Award for Education Research

Cognition Education Research Trust (CERT), in association with Fulbright New Zealand, has launched a new award for education research.

Valued at up to US\$20,000, the Fulbright-Cognition Education Research Trust Scholar Award in Education Research is designed to enable one worthy New Zealand scholar to pursue research in the United States that will then have a direct impact on New Zealand schooling and student achievement.

The new award (which also includes travel expenses) is for three to five months' research and continues a strong tradition of the Fulbright programme supporting educators and education research throughout its 60-year history.

Mary Sinclair, Executive Trustee, CERT, says the awards will provide a unique opportunity for people involved in the policy, research and practice of schooling in New Zealand.

"We're confident that this award will facilitate high quality research, increased professional links between educational contacts in both countries, and an enhanced profile and development of New Zealand education ... will further assist its stated aims of fostering and encouraging quality education research that improves and develops the quality of teaching and learning in New Zealand schools," she says.

Applications close 1 May 2009 and the ISNZ office will forward promotional material as it comes to hand. Applications are open to Heads, Senior Managers and teachers.

Dates for 2008

8 August—New board induction seminar, postponed until 2009
1-2 September—Forum, Holiday Inn, Wellington
2 September—Chairs' seminar (half day with Principals), Holiday Inn, Wellington
9 September—Aspiring Leaders seminar, Southwell School, Hamilton
16 September—PAs' seminar, Wellington Airport Conference Centre
31 October—ASBA workshop, Wellington Airport Conference Centre
14 November-Non ISNZ Member Forum, Auckland or Wellington (changed from 22 August)

Deborah James
ISNZ Executive Director