

# ISNZ Newsletter

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## Government and Parliament

### Aspire Scholarship Scheme

Applications are now open for the 2011 Aspire Scholarships. A student is eligible for a 2011 Aspire Scholarship if they will be in Year 9 or Year 10 in 2011. Eligible Aspire applicants will be balloted for the 2011 Aspire scholarships, and drawn at random. Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be included in the ballot. There are 50 Year nine Aspire Scholarships and over 20 Year 10 Aspire Scholarships available for 2011. Applications must be with the Ministry of Education National Office by 17 May 2010.

### 2010 Meetings with Hon Heather Roy

The remaining meeting dates with Hon Heather Roy for this year are:

- Tuesday 13 May
- Tuesday 3 August
- Tuesday 23 November

ISNZ Member Schools are invited to submit any issues they would like raised at these meeting.

The following dates of ISNZ events where Minister Roy will have a presence include:

- ISNZ Board Chairs' Seminar, Monday 31 May 2010, Hyatt Regency, Auckland.
- ISNZ Annual Conference, Friday 27 August 2010, Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 9.30 am to 11.00 am. Minister Roy will speak at the Opening Ceremony and will also present the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

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## Ministry of Education

### Law Commission: Report 108 Private Schools and the Law

The Ministry of Education has submitted its report on the Law Commission's recommendations to the Minister of Education, Hon Anne Tolley and the Associate Minister of Education, Hon Heather Roy. The report is still with the Ministers for their consideration. To date there has been no response from the Ministry or the Associate Minister of Education on the proposed implementation of these recommendations.

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### State-Integration Applications

ISNZ has not been informed of any ISNZ Member School having a successful integration application. Ficino School has received notification that its application to integrate has been declined.

It has been brought to our attention that the Office of the Ombudsmen has commented that any application to become an integrated school involves a wider public interest than just the interest of the applicant and therefore the names of schools seeking integration should not be withheld from the public.

Following the Official Information Act (OIA) complaint made by Gael Woods of Radio New Zealand about the Minister of Education's decision to withhold the names of private schools that had applied to integrate into the state sector, the Ombudsman has stated that "the public also has a legitimate interest in such a proposal, and an integration application is a matter not confined to the private interest of the school". The Ombudsman ruled that pursuant to section 30(1)(d) of the OIA the names of the schools who had, at the time of Ms Woods' request, applied to integrate, be released to Ms Woods. Under section 32 of the OIA a public duty to observe the Ombudsman's recommendation was imposed on 25 March 2010.

All member schools should be aware that the names of private schools applying to integrate would be in the public domain.

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## Education Review Office

Dr Graham Stoop will meet with ISNZ on 11 May as part of the ERO Liaison programme. These regular meetings are informal opportunities to raise matters that member schools would like discussed at a national level. Member schools are invited to submit agenda items for that meeting.

### ERO's review methodology

The Education Review Office is revising its *Evaluation Indicators for School Reviews* and its *Framework for School Reviews*. Although the indicators and framework are specifically for state schools, many independent schools have found the documents and process useful in their own self-review. Drafts are available on ERO's website [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) <http://www.ero.govt.nz> under Review Process/Schools, and comments are welcome. ERO also has hard copies available of its report: *Reading and Writing in Years 1 and 2*. Please email [info@ero.govt.nz](mailto:info@ero.govt.nz) if you would like to order copies.

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## Cognition Education Research Trust

The Cognition Education Research Trust has identified the following topics as possible commissioned research projects in 2010/2011:

- Initial teacher education
- Professional standards for teaching
- Middle leadership
- Innovative learning environments
- (Schooling age) student engagement and participation in education research.

Mary Sinclair, Executive Trustee of Cognition, has met with me to discuss ways in which ISNZ Member Schools might like to be involved in some of this research. She will present at Forum for Heads and Senior Managers 31 May/1 June and give an overview of the proposed research projects.

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## Remuneration Survey

Moyle Remuneration Consulting has been contracted to carry out the 2010 Remuneration Survey for ISNZ Member Schools. The survey is almost complete with Moyle currently doing the final reviewing and editing. The report should be with ISNZ within the next two weeks.

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## Heads of the Independent Schools Scholarship Trust – Grants 2010

The Heads of the Independent Schools Scholarship Trust offers financial assistance to Principals and Staff of Independent Schools of New Zealand for current research and/or study that advance the value of independent schooling in New Zealand. We are delighted to announce this year's recipients:

- **Catherine Syms:** Director of Religious Studies, Diocesan School for Girls, Auckland. Catherine will undertake a feasibility study, leading to a strategy and implementation plan for specific Religious Studies teacher training to potential School Chaplains, and to improve the quality and delivery of an effective RS/Values programme within independent schools.
- **Celia McCarthy:** Director, Marsden Primary, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, Wellington. Celia's research will focus on the development of a Positive Psychology Programme. The programme will consist of a series of lessons, the content of which will be presented to ISNZ Member Schools, which encourage social and emotional wellbeing with a positive impact on school performance.

We warmly congratulate this year's recipients and we look forward to the reports on their research findings.

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## 2010 ISNZ Statistics Returns

We have a couple of member schools still to file their returns but before the final analysis is completed we can tell you that at this stage we are showing a decrease in overall student numbers of about 1.6%. There is no definitive trend in the decrease other than perhaps primary schools, provincial schools, and rural boarding schools bearing the brunt of the decreased numbers. As soon as we have all the returns in we will complete the statistical analysis and furnish member schools with the summary report.

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## ISNZ 2010 Annual Conference

A reminder that the 2010 ISNZ Annual Conference will be held in **Queenstown Friday 27–Saturday 28 August** at the Millennium Hotel. Please note there will not be separate ASBA, AHIS and ISNZ conferences in 2010. We will run one conference over two days with breakout sessions designed to meet the needs of different personnel within schools. Within this timeframe and on the previous day, and the day after, there will be opportunities for the different constituent groups to network and meet informally.

Please find enclosed the **Conference Programme and Registration Form**. The enclosed booklet will give you the conference programme, the speakers' profiles, accommodation and registration details. Registration can also be completed on line at [www.isnz.org.nz](http://www.isnz.org.nz).

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## To our Sponsors

We are looking forward to working with each and every one of our sponsors leading up to the conference and we love the dimension that they bring to the conference. We shall be sending out the Sponsor Conference packs within the next month. If sponsors have new contact details we would be grateful if you could inform the ISNZ office of any change of address at your earliest convenience. ISNZ continues to be extremely grateful for the support and loyalty of our sponsors. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with people who support our member schools. We value the partnership we have with each of our sponsors and we urge ISNZ Member Schools to offer them the opportunity to promote their service/product and where possible to submit a tender for any future contracts.

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## Membership

- **ACG Strathallan:** Clarence van der Wel has left his position of Principal of ACG Strathallan and has been succeeded by Mr Robin Kirkham, effective Term 2. Clarence van der Wel has taken up the position of ACG Deputy Chief Executive, effective end April 2010.
- **Pinehurst:** Mr Kingsley Moody has retired as Chairman of the Board. Mr Peter Davies will succeed him effective Term 2.

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## Other Conferences/Workshops:

### NZ Teachers Council

#### Registered Teacher Criteria workshops

Enrolments are invited from professional leaders or the person in an institution who is mainly responsible for registration of provisional and experienced teachers and advisors who have a role in supporting schools and early childhood education services to apply the criteria for appraisal for registration and/or induction and mentoring of provisionally registered teachers. This and other supporting information is available at [www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz/rtc/rtc-implementation.stm](http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz/rtc/rtc-implementation.stm).

Text "CRITERIA" to 244 (texts costs 20c) or email [alastair.mclean@teacherscouncil.govt.nz](mailto:alastair.mclean@teacherscouncil.govt.nz) if you are interested in attending and to receive details of dates and locations.

**NZACS National Conference:** Intentional Leadership  
13-15 May, James Cook Grand Chancellor, Wellington

**ANZELA Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Education Law Seminar 2010:** When two wrongs don't make a right: Safe conduct of Disciplinary Investigation of Staff and Students  
17 May - Auckland @ Kohia Centre; 19 May - Christchurch @ Our City-O-Tautahi  
To register contact: Susannah Higgins, Rainey Collins Lawyers, [shiggins@raineycollins.co.nz](mailto:shiggins@raineycollins.co.nz) Tel: (04) 473 6850

**The Inaugural IPSHA Biennial Conference:** Leading with Conscience ... Now!  
5-8 September 2010; Crown Promenade, Melbourne

**Australian Primary Principals' Conference (APPA);** Balancing Primary Leadership  
21-24 September; Burswood Entertainment Complex, Western Australia  
Web: [www.appaconference.com.au](http://www.appaconference.com.au)

**CLESOL 2010:** Community Languages and English for Speakers of Other Languages  
1-4 October, King's High School, Dunedin  
Web: <http://www.clesol.org.nz/2010/home.html>

**Education Leaders Forum 20-21 October 2010:** Cultivating Learning  
Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua; Web: [www.smartnet.co.nz](http://www.smartnet.co.nz)

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Executive Director

## Outstanding achievements from students of ISNZ Member Schools

### **Maria English—Winner of the Girdlers' Scholarship**

**Maria English**, former head girl and sacristan at **Samuel Marsden Collegiate School**, world champion debater and current University of Otago student, has won the Girdlers' Scholarship to study at Cambridge University's Corpus Christi College.

Maria will study for a degree in politics, psychology and sociology (PPS) at Cambridge later this year. She is the 46th recipient of the Scholarship and the first to study for the PPS degree.

Administered by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (NZVCC), the Girdlers' Scholarship is funded by the Worshipful Company of Girdlers which traces its foundation back to medieval times as a craftsmen's guild. The award, worth £25,000 per annum, is offered to one New Zealand "all-rounder" each year.

Maria sees Cambridge as a global meeting point of academic excellence, tradition and cultural diversity. "Before I can think about helping other New Zealanders, I need to learn how to think for myself. A Cambridge education will teach me how to do that", she says.

Girdlers' Scholarships: one award is given each year to study at Cambridge University's Corpus Christi College. The deadline for applications is 1 December. More information can be found on the NZVCC website at [www.nzvcc.nz](http://www.nzvcc.nz).



### **Holly Hunter: Prime Minister's Award to mark the 95th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings**

**Holly Hunter** and **Alana Stretton**, two Year 13 students from **ACG Strathallan College**, flew to Turkey and joined Prime Minister, John Key, Veterans, VIPs, NZ Defence Force personnel and other members of the official NZ delegation for the service marking the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.



Alana Stretton and Holly Hunter

Both girls chose diary entries as their format for the Prime Minister's essay competition. Their diary entries were developed from short films, web features, artistic representations, written formats, music and poetry. Holly and Alana showed depth and research skills of writers far beyond their years.

Holly's essay takes an interesting diary format, switching back and forth in time from a modern day blogging teenager doing a history project to the diaries of a heartbroken child whose father has gone to war. She drew her inspiration from one of her favourite authors who follows that style.

ISNZ warmly congratulates these outstanding achievers. We shall watch their future with much interest.