

ISNZ Newsletter

ISNZ Welcomes New Member Schools

It is with great pleasure we welcome two new schools to the ISNZ membership.

Seven Oaks Education Centre in Christchurch: A message from the Chairman, Bruce McIntyre: "On behalf of us all at Seven Oaks Education Centre, we wish to thank you for so warmly embracing us and welcoming us into ISNZ. We look forward to becoming a member who is valued for our positive contributions. We are small but committed to providing extraordinary education to our students, so you can expect us to punch above our weight. We look forward to meeting you and to discussing our areas of common interest.

Under the leadership of Gaike Knottenbelt, Seven Oaks opened at the beginning of term 2 2009, with 11 5-10 year olds. We will begin term 3 2010 with 27 students. Temporarily sited in Opawa, Christchurch, our plan is to move to a permanent site in Halswell in 2012. At Halswell, we will be able to extend to high school level as our students grow. The Board currently consists of: Bruce McIntyre best known as the founder and ex CEO of Macpac; Janet Nicol, child therapist and ex teacher and special education advisor; Ross Petersen, retired teacher.

If you've checked out our websites, you'll see that we have created Seven Oaks to provide a contemporary model of education. We firmly believe that education today needs to address the many social and environmental issues that we face and that it should and can be a source of great enjoyment for children. As our social and environmental problems all originate with people, that is where we need to work to create our solutions.

We realise that education is the only institution in society that has the reach and the power to make the kind of changes that most of us wish to see. The key lies within the innate potential of each and every child - the 90% of us that remains unrealised. Through our 'Building Brilliance' self-development curriculum, we are supporting our students to grow into that missing 90%.

Two other innovations at Seven Oaks are 'Full Engagement Learning' and 'Eco-Literacy'. Full Engagement Learning is about personalising each student's learning and grounding it in real-world experiences. Eco-Literacy teaches the fundamental principles of nature that underpin the whole of life. Thus it forms the foundation of our science and technology curriculum."

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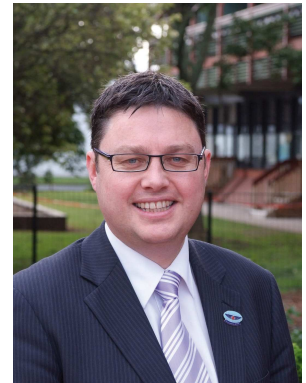
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ACG Sunderland



Nathan Villars



Kent Favel

A message from Nathan Villars, Principal, ACG Sunderland College:

“ISNZ is a quality brand and well respected organisation here in New Zealand and globally. It is important both for the school and professionally that ACG Sunderland have this association. I look forward to the collegiality.

ACG is an established, well organised company and the transition from my perspective for Sunderland to join the organisation has been almost seamless.

Sunderland was established on quality teaching and learning and this vision fits easily with the ACG philosophy. The benefits have been enormous around the support end of the school; we can now tap into ACG IT, HR, Marketing, International Student Centre and Principals’ Council - this is all very efficient and highly supportive.

There have been very few challenges for us at Sunderland with the transition to becoming an “ACG School”. But it’s fair to say our resources were archaic and scarce so Andy Parker and his team have been working hard to set up many new systems plus maximising the resources we did have and have decided to keep.

After completing my recent professional development in Principalship I am very keen to continue to explore leadership experiences and courses that open up for me.”

A message from Kent Favel, Principal, ACG Sunderland School:

“ISNZ is a quality association where we can meet with likeminded independent schools in a professional and collegial environment. I am looking forward to catching up with past colleagues and meeting new members at the Queenstown conference in August.

ACG is a quality brand in independent education not only in New Zealand but globally too. ACG students regularly top CIE examination results and all ACG schools place high emphasis on academic focus and produce well rounded and grounded students. The opportunity to be involved with ACG is a fantastic career move.

Learning new ACG systems, meeting many people, visiting ACG schools and getting a feel for how ACG operates. It has been very exciting and interesting.

I see ACG as one big family of schools and this is a tremendous strength and one I am very proud to be associated with.

ACG has a huge network of resources and support from Head Office and being able to access this support aids us at ACG Sunderland. I am looking forward to forging links with all schools, and in particular the Auckland ACG primary schools over the coming months.

We look forward to taking ACG Sunderland into the next period of the school’s growth. In the short term our goals are to grow the student body from our current role of 265 and to implement the Cambridge Primary Programme in 2011.

Long term my goals are to develop further our teaching and learning programmes and our educational facilities and grounds. Also a major goal is to continue to make ACG Sunderland a great place to be for students, their families and staff.”

The NEiTA Foundation 2010 Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership

We warmly congratulate **Matthew Humber**, Director of ICT and Year 11 – 13 Design and technology teacher at **ACG Strathallan** who is a recipient of the NEiTA 2010 Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Matthew has set up extensive online resources that allow students to access the video library 24/7 and download revision notes to their mobile phones. His students regularly achieve top results in the Young Designer of the Year competition, and last year took out the top three places in the Cambridge International Examinations. Matt has undoubtedly been instrumental in his students achieving these successes. He fosters a positive learning environment where students are exceptionally motivated by his passion, skill and personality. His teaching is very student-centred, bringing out the best in each student through catering to their individual needs and being supportive and encouraging of their ideas.



Annual Top Scholar Awards

New Zealand's top secondary students had their success celebrated at the annual Top Scholar Awards hosted at Parliament by the Minister of Education in May. The eight winners of the highest Scholarship award category, the Premier Award, gained at least four Scholarship subjects at Outstanding level, OR a total of five Scholarships, with three at Outstanding level, and were ranked in the top three nationally in at least two subjects.

ISNZ warmly congratulates the Top Subject Scholars and Premier Award Winners and in particular those who attended ISNZ Member schools. Premier Award Winners:

- Nelson Yuen Sum Lam, Saint Kentigern College
- Asher Emanuel, Saint Kentigern College
- Rennie Xinrue Qin, ACG Strathallan.

Government and Parliament

Aspire Scholarship Scheme

The Ministry of Education has informed ISNZ that the 2011 Aspire Scholarships have been awarded. A total of 52 Year 9 and 24 Year 10 Scholarships have been distributed. Successful applicants will have already contacted independent schools with enrolment enquiries. Successful Aspire Scholarship applicants have been asked to confirm their enrolment at a private school (registered with the Ministry of Education) by **5 July 2010**. This date can be flexible if an applicant has, for example, secured interview/s by this time. The Ministry wants to keep the timeframes tight so it has time to reallocate any Scholarships that do not get used by the original recipients.

The Ministry was particularly pleased with the Aspire panel meetings, held late in May. Peter Clague, Principal, Kristin School and Ian McKinnon kindly returned to these meetings, and, once again, their experience and wisdom helped to ensure that the applicants were chosen fairly and consistently.

The Ministry will now prepare a report on the implementation of the 2011 round, detailing statistical information and reflections on the implementation process. ISNZ will receive a copy of this report, which in turn will be distributed to ISNZ Member Schools.

Please note that there is no adjustment for inflation for the Aspire Scholarships. The scholarships are set at a fixed amount. This is an issue we have raised with the Associate Minister, but to date we have been unsuccessful in having inflation adjustments made to the capitation grant and the Aspire Scholarships.

The Associate Minister of Education, Hon Heather Roy spoke at the ISNZ Board Chairs Seminar on 31 May 2010. Some of her key points included:

- There will be no additional funding for the private schools sector in the current economic environment
- Any future additional funding would come with "strings attached", ie increased government oversight and compliance
- The funding issue around the Ultra Fast Broadband roll out project is still in front of the Minister of Education
- In regard to access to Ministry of Education Professional Development opportunities, STAR, Gateway funding etc the Minister asked if we were able to quantify the cost to independent schools of professional development for staff
- Law Commission Review of Private Schools and the Law: the Minister gave an update of progress of the Law Commission's review and subsequent implementation
- The Minister told of how she enjoys visiting our member schools.

From the Education Review Office

New ERO website – www.ero.govt.nz <www.ero.govt.nz>

ERO is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. A new search engine means that it should be easier to find school and early childhood service reports, national reports and information on reviews. However, it also means that urls for reports and pages on the old ERO site, including review reports, are no longer likely to work. To find content on the new website, please use the search engine, or contact info@ero.govt.nz <<mailto:info@ero.govt.nz>>. The website itself is still at: www.ero.govt.nz <http://www.ero.govt.nz>. As always, ERO welcomes your comments and suggestions. - Jenny Clark, Public Affairs, ERO

From the New Zealand Teachers Council

World Teachers Day 2010

NZTC ask you to please place the World Teachers Day 2010 Teachers Council Conference in your calendar. They are planning a two day conference this year on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October. The focus will be induction and mentoring of provisionally registered teachers and they are hoping to secure a renowned international speaker as well as New Zealand experts they have worked with in this area over 2009-2010. Opportunities to workshop the new guidelines for induction and mentoring and mentor teacher support will be a feature of the programme. Information about the conference and how to register interest in attending will be provided in future NZTC Director's Messages and on the Council's website., www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz

ISNZ Remuneration Survey

Moyle Remuneration Consulting has completed the 2010 Remuneration Survey and the report has now been distributed to all ISNZ Member Schools. Copies have been sent to the Board Chair and the Head of each school. Further distribution is at the discretion of the Head and Board Chair.

Excellence in Teaching Awards



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

We are delighted to announce that the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) has recently become a sponsor of the Excellence in Teaching Awards. CIE is already a Bronze sponsor with ISNZ so we are extremely grateful for this added sponsorship support. The other two Excellence in Teaching sponsors are Specific Yearbooks and Distinction. We warmly congratulate the 2010 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards and we look forward to presenting the awards at the annual conference in Queenstown.

2010 University of Cambridge International Examinations/ISNZ Excellence in Teaching Awards for Exceptional Professional Performance for Years 0-6: Jill Pears, Selwyn House School

2010 Distinction/ISNZ Excellence in Teaching Awards for Exceptional Professional Performance for Years 7-10:

Catherine Syms, Diocesan School for Girls

2010 Specific Yearbooks/ISNZ Excellence in Teaching Awards for Exceptional Professional Performance for Years 11-13:

Dr Jan Giffney, St Cuthbert's College

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 our member 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.

Registration is now open and can be completed online at www.isnz.org.nz.

2011 ISNZ Conference

The 2011 Conference will be held in Auckland on the 27–28 May in Auckland. We have confirmed that the conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel (conference venue: 2008.)

The Association of the Heads of Independent Schools (AHIS)

The Association of the Heads of Independent Schools (AHIS) held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1 June. Elections for the President of AHIS and members of the AHIS Executive were held at the AGM:

AHIS President: Julie Moor, Rangi Ruru Girls' School
Executive: Carol Craymer, Queen Margaret College
Peter Clague, Kristin School
Grant Hamilton, Waihi School
Simon Leese, Christ's College
Heather McRae, Diocesan School for Girls
Warren Owen, Wellesley College

Membership

- **Selwyn House School: Mr Richard Bowman** has retired as Chairman of the Trust Board and is succeeded by **Mr Bruce Thomas**.
 - **Academic Colleges Group: Mr John Graham** has retired as Board Chairman and has been succeeded by **Mr Mike Ferrand**.
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ISNZ Sponsors

ISNZ warmly welcomes Spanbild Holdings Limited as a new Bronze Sponsor. For those not familiar with Spanbild, Tim Blake, the Group Marketing Manager, writes this of their company profile:

“From its early development as a company predominantly building garages for the domestic market, the Spanbild group has now grown to a size that sees it account for more than 20% of all buildings consents issued in New Zealand each year. Marketing a broad range of modular buildings from small garden sheds, to garages, sleep-outs, classrooms, relocatable buildings, large family homes, and fit for purpose residential, lifestyle, rural, commercial and industrial buildings - the Spanbild group has built a portfolio of leading brands that include Versatile, Totalspan, Ideal, Portabuild and Spanbilt.

The next evolution for this Christchurch based privately owned company, will see a dedicated focus on leveraging its unequalled manufacturing and supply chain strength to establish nationwide supply into sectors such as education, social housing and the dairy industry.”

We look forward to welcoming Tim and the Spanbild team to the ISNZ family at the conference in Queenstown.



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Upcoming ISNZ Professional Development/Events

Hon Heather Roy: 3 August 2010: Meeting: Parliament
Boarding Schools Seminar: 5 August 2010: Christ's College, Christchurch
ISNZ 2010 Annual Conference: 27-28 August 2010: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown

Other Conferences/Workshops:

The Inaugural IPSHA Biennial Conference 5-8 September 2010

Crown Promenade, Melbourne
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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

Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua
Cultivating Learning – A living systems approach to growing education professionals
Web: www.smartnet.co.nz

Thank you

A big thank you to **Kristin School** for sending us some framed pieces of student artwork. What a wonderful surprise. It was made all the more special with one of the artists, **Sam Smith**, Year 5, visiting us this week to see his artwork on the wall.



We still have lots of wall space to fill and would welcome the opportunity to promote other schools and their student artwork.