

Newsletter March 2021

Kia ora koutou and New Year's blessings for 2021.

A friend of mine recently wrote in a newsletter "it is such a beautiful thing to start a new year, especially when last year was 2020!"

It has been lovely to be in touch with a number of you as school life has got up and running.

We were sad to farewell, but delighted to honour, Lyn Scott as she finished at the end of 2020. Now it is time to introduce you to Mark's new Executive Assistant Rhonda Thorpe.

"Hi my name is Rhonda and I am married to Donovan and we have two girls Mia (17) and Jemma (14) and a rescue dog named Phoenix. I have been working within State Integrated Schools for over 10 years and was Executive Officer at Aidanfield Christian School for the last 7 and a half years. The busyness of a school office can never be underestimated! Although it was sad to leave, I am very excited to be working alongside some fantastic people and to accept the challenges that will come my way."



Rhonda's skills, experience and passions are very well suited to where the Association is looking to change and develop. She is already busy helping Mark plan the June Conference and you will get to meet her in person there.

UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN

Late in 2020 the Executive reviewed the Association's strategic plan, the basic structure of which has been in place for nearly a decade.

The updated plan identifies that our most strategic partner continues to be the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools. The last decade has seen significant strengthening in that relationship at a number of levels. APIS has been able to support and advocate for AIS NZ member schools even better as a result.

The plan notes that the biggest gap in support services and products out there in State Integrated schools is for Proprietors, particularly single school Proprietors in regional or more remote locations. If those Proprietors do not have significant networks of similar special character then it gets harder still. The Strategic Plan proposes to boost support for Proprietors.

The Executive is delighted with the support and engagement the Association enjoys with the business manager fraternity. A dedicated conference is a highlight. Current levels of support in this space will continue.

The increasing use of online platforms to deliver services and products and enhanced networking is a great opportunity. The COVID season certainly highlighted this.

Other strategic priorities include;

- further help for Boards to understand what is unique about the State Integrated School context
- progressing Principal induction support
- explore partnering with others to bring special character perspectives and State Integrated school context to middle and senior school leadership development.

Executive are keen to hear back from member schools on the draft plan with a view to confirming it as part of the AGM process this year.

The Association will also be convening some focus groups to discuss the draft plan in more detail.

The Executive would be very grateful if you could follow this link to [DRAFT PLAN](#) and answer a [SHORT SURVEY](#) which will take less than 5 minutes. For context you can follow this link to read Executive [COMMENTARY](#) on the last 10 years of the operation of the Association's Strategic Plan.

CONFERENCE

June Conference Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th June - Wellington

Registrations open Tuesday 13th April

The programme features the following:

Keynote addresses

- The Prime Minister has been invited to speak but has declined. At the time of writing Minister Chris Hipkins has been invited to speak.
- The New Zealand Histories Curriculum
- Strategic planning
- ANZ Economist
- Education and the law
- Schools and the Media
- Use of digital technology in education / Lessons from COVID

Workshops

- Inclusive schools
- Boards managing risk - financial, property, employment, complaints, conflicts of interest
- The new ERO model and Integrated Schools
- Senior leadership coaching and development with a special character focus
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership
- Using digital technology to enhance the curriculum
- MoE
- APIS
- Business Manager Forum
- School Finances
- Strategic Planning

Cost \$250 Registration

Dinner \$60

Hotel Room \$149.50 per night

PAUL FERRIS FAREWELL

Warren Peat, Mark Larson and Janet Molloy were delighted to be able to represent AIS NZ at Paul's farewell in December 2020.



AIS EXECUTIVE MEETING - 23rd FEBRUARY 2021

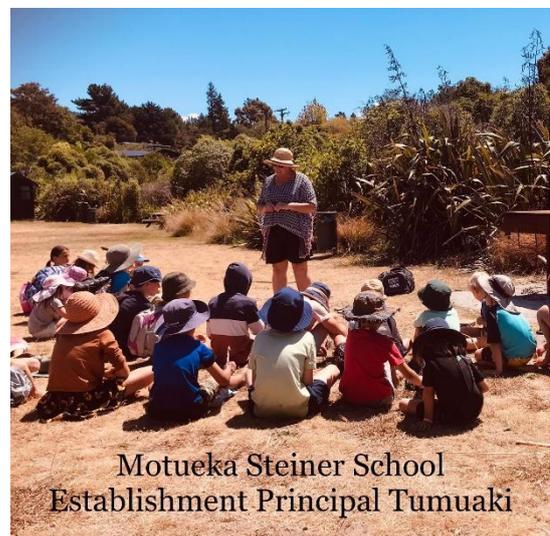
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APIS NEWS

1. Follow this link to read the latest advice regarding non preference enrolment criteria and procedures. [Focus-on-non-preference-criteria.pdf](#) [Clarification-on-the-legality-of-charging-fees.pdf](#)
2. APIS has requested that they receive newsletters from AIS NZ member schools so that they can identify topical items for inclusion in the APIS newsletter - Lighting New Fires. Could you add them to your distribution list using this email address jerry@nzceo.org.nz.

WELCOME TO SCHOOLS WHO HAVE BECOME MEMBERS

Motueka Steiner School - They will move to their brand new campus at the start of Term 2.
CONGRATULATIONS.



Motueka Steiner School
Establishment Principal Tumuaki

With students on the first day of school

Faith City School



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