

NASDAP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 2011

Tena kotou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

NASDAP has been in operation since 1994 and it is my pleasure to be here today to present to you the 2010-2011 Annual Report, my eighth as President.

It is wonderful to see so many Assistant and Deputy Principals here in Wellington; getting out of their offices and away from the daily grind and leaving work for their Principals/Headmasters to do! I congratulate you for your exodus to our capital city.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say to all of our Canterbury and Aoraki colleagues, we congratulate you on your triumph through adversity, given the two major earthquakes that you, your families and communities have suffered. To the colleagues who have helped colleagues, thank you for continuing to support others who suffered loss to family, friends and in their professional lives. The NZ spirit of helping has not gone un-noticed.

In the past year, Executive has continued to meet each term. Various issues, currently affecting members have been discussed and action taken. Letters have been written in the name of the association.

We continue to invite guest speakers that we believe can offer us vital information to be able to undertake our roles more efficiently and effectively. All of these guest speakers have allowed the Executive to forge closer and more productive working relationships with them as individuals and with the organisations that they represent.

Executive members continue to sit on various forums on your behalf:
Educational Leaders' Forum - Annette Taylor
Ministry of Education Payroll Reference Group - Geoff O'Halloran

There has been one significant change in NASDAP Executive in that June Clark resigned after three years' of service to NASDAP and for that, I thank her very much for her valued contribution and ably representing the views of Assistant and Deputy Principals from the East Coast and Hawke's Bay regions and for taking on the newly appointed role of Membership Secretary.

June's replacement is Campbell Howlett from Lindisfarne College in Hastings and he attended his first Executive Meeting on Tuesday this week. We look forward to working with Campbell. Stella Bond joined Executive at the start of 2011, replacing Phil Keenan. Stella will ably represent the views of the Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawatu regions'.

As per the information in the latest newsletter, the theme of our work over the next 18-24 months is about CONNECTIVITY. That is, connecting all of the Assistant and Deputy Principals' who are members of NASDAP with not only their regional colleagues, but also colleagues from around NZ. Professional Development takes many forms and sharing information, whether it is formally or informally, allows both parties to benefit in some shape or form.

In line with this, we are pleased to announce that the Scholarship will be replaced by a "Study Tour" which has been the brain-child of Sarah Stenson from Epsom Girls

Grammar. When we launch the first tour, theme will be "E Learning". This is to provide an opportunity for Assistant and Deputy Principals to explore what is happening in schools. Participants would see and ask questions about systemic and learning aspects of E-Learning in schools. Executive will consider other "issues" that are of benefit for 2013 and beyond.

There will be 10 places for Assistant and Deputy Principals who are members of NASDAP [one from each geographical region] available for the three-day study tour. Information on how to apply for one of these places will be available on our website and via Executive members once we have finalised all of the details with the Ministry of Education and Core Education.

Thank you too, to Margaret McLeod and Neil Melliush from the Ministry and Derek Wenmouth [Core Education] from for all of their support - personal and professional for allowing this project to be supported.

At this point in time, I would like to take this opportunity to advise that PPTA negotiated on your behalf 10 Assistant and Deputy Principals' sabbaticals from 2012 onwards. *Annette read out the email from Sarah Dalton [SPAC Convenor] and encouraged as many as possible to apply to endorse PPTA's claim that we are a special group of people working in schools.*

I wish to congratulate Geoff O'Halloran and his team for their hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and passion in organising this conference. Without them, you may not have had the opportunity to "escape" for three days and be here sampling the finer attractions of Wellington and listening to inspirational speakers and engaging in exciting workshops.

As indicated earlier this morning, information presented over the past three days, will be available for downloading from the NASDAP web site as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank all of the sponsors. Without their continued support, conferences like these, would not be financially viable.

Thank you in advance to the Otago and Southland Assistant and Deputy Principals' for putting their hands up to organise the bi-ennial conference in Queenstown from 28-20 August 2013. 2015 is up for grabs; so regions yet to host a bi-ennial conference or those wishing to do so having already hosted a conference, please let us know.

On a final note, I wish to thank the NASDAP Executive for their commitment, enthusiasm and passion. They work hard on your behalf to ensure that we "continue to raise your profile" with educational stakeholders so that your voices are heard and are acted upon.

Thank you for your attendance today.

Annette M Taylor [Ms]

¹ There will be specific information on these sabbaticals in the NASDAP newsletter and emailed to regions. Applications for 2012 close on 16 September 2011.

President