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# NEWSLETTER



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## TRAINING FOR TRUSTEES

*Thanks to all those who supported our last Training Workshops in May.*

The second series of our FREE training sessions for 2010 is scheduled as follows;

### Board Process

Workshop	Day and Date	Venue
No 6	Wednesday 4 August 2010	Paraparaumu Beach School
No 7	Monday 9 August 2010	Mana College
No 8	Wednesday 11 August 2010	Wellington East Girls College
No 9	Tuesday 17 August 2010	Naenae Intermediate
No 10	Wednesday 18 August 2010	Kuranui College

***Please register for attendance at these workshops using the attached registration form and faxing it to the Association on 04 568 2971 or emailing to [wwsta@wwsta.org.nz](mailto:wwsta@wwsta.org.nz)***

***Registrations will close either 2 days before the course commences or when 40 people have registered.***

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## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORTING and SYSTEMS SEMINARS

Education Services Ltd (ESL) provides financial reporting services to over 500 schools from its 6 offices throughout the North Island. Their seminars will give an overview of school financial management; covering internal controls, procedures, reporting and much much more.

Two different seminars are being offered to all schools within our area:

Seminar one: (3.30pm - 5.00pm)	Seminar two: (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
Most suited for office administrators	Most suited for all trustees & principals
Internal controls that meet audit requirements	Financial reporting-what makes a good report
Efficient financial transaction recording	Governance vs Management
GST - are you getting it right?	Unique school accounting explanations
Basic understanding of financial reports	Internal controls
Accounting terminology	The audit process

### Seminar dates are:

Palmerston North	1 September 2010	Lower Hutt	14 September 2010
Masterton	16 September 2010	Newlands (Wgtn)	22 September 2010.

The sessions cost

\$45.00 + GST for Client Schools of ESL

\$75.00 + GST for Non Client Schools

Tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion.

Please R.S.V.P. at least 2 weeks before the seminar date as seats are limited.

R.S.V.P. directly by e-mail to [enquiries@educationservices.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@educationservices.co.nz)



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A big thank you to all who attended and supported the meeting.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker, Graham Stoop, CEO and Chief Review Officer of ERO, gave an informative and well received presentation.

Graham advised that there are a number of changes being made to ERO reviews and the way they will be conducted.

- ☆ Consideration of how the school engages with parents: such as the newsletters, surveys etc.
- ☆ Continued monitoring of the internal evaluations of the Governance processes of Boards and Principals.

- ☆ Condensing the current 5 geographical regions to 3, to give better consistency in practice to meet the needs of schools.
- ☆ Looking at the effectiveness of government support for schools in the drive to better student achievement.
- ☆ External verification of school analysis of student progress, which is to be part of the self review process for excellence.
- ☆ Review of effective teaching practice, to ensure that students are the central focus of the school and that the teaching practices are meeting the needs of the students in an effective manner.

ERO are looking for answers to such questions as;

- ☆ Is the school's curriculum meeting the needs of the students effectively?
- ☆ Are the National Standards being implemented?
- ☆ What is happening with Maori/Pacific students?

If a school achieves excellence, ERO will probably reduce their visits to once every 4-5 years instead of the current 3 yearly cycle.

If, however, there is a poor analysis for a school, ERO are likely to visit more often: possibly every 1-2 years.

It is no longer acceptable to just check that students are achieving at their expected level, there is a requirement for continued achievement. Student achievement will be the focus, not just attainment.

Progress will be examined on the basis that students should be attaining their expected level by the time they reach the end of year 6.

Key evaluation indicators for ERO are;

- ☆ Transparency: evaluate questions and prompts for use in education reviews.
- ☆ Assist ERO reviewers to consider what is significant when making judgements about the quality of education.
- ☆ Help build, evaluate capacity in schools by modelling evaluative questions by evidence-based judgements.

ERO have put out two books for schools, to assist Teachers and Boards.

They are both currently in draft versions and Boards are encouraged to read and comment on them.

The Titles are:

***Evaluation Indicators for School Reviews***

***Framework for School reviews.***

These are FREE and can be ORDERED in whatever quantity you need for your teachers and trustees from [info@ero.govt.nz](mailto:info@ero.govt.nz)

## BOARD CHAIRPERSON DETAILS UPDATE

Would those Boards that have yet to do so PLEASE email the following details to the Association ([wwsta@wwsta.org.nz](mailto:wwsta@wwsta.org.nz));

***Chairperson's name***

***School represented***

***Contact email***

***Contact phone details.***

## TREATY OF WAITANGI WORKSHOP

A Free pilot workshop is being held at Avalon Intermediate on 26 July 2010. This will focus on Treaty principles and statutory obligations as they relate to the Education sector. It will provide guidelines and suggestions for the application of Treaty principles in a relevant, contemporary, measured and appropriate manner.

Invitations to members in the Wellington area were sent on 30 June 2010.

This workshop is being facilitated by Wayne Johnson of **Aeiou Communications** who has qualifications in law and in business administration.

If this workshop is well supported, with good feedback, we intend to hold further workshops later in year in the Kapiti and Wairarapa areas.

## CERTIFICATES FOR RETIRING TRUSTEES.

A reminder to those Schools that have not requested Certificates for retiring Trustees that the closing date for us to receive applications is 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010.

The Certificate request form, which is to be faxed to the Association on 04 568 2971, is available from our website: [www.wwsta.org.nz](http://www.wwsta.org.nz)



## PORIRUA MAYORAL CERTIFICATES

Jenny Brash, the Mayor of Porirua City, recently hosted an event to acknowledge the work of School Trustees. As previewed in our last newsletter, certificates from the Council were awarded by the Mayor to retiring trustees from many of the 34 schools within the district.

The Mayor was full of praise for the work and commitment of School Trustees in their communities. We will be suggesting that other Councils in our region consider similar recognition.

## NATIONAL STANDARDS

The debate and concerns around the implementation of the National Standards continue to gain headlines. But what can you do to gain a better understanding of the system and the issues you need to grapple with as a trustee?

One of New Zealand’s leading educationists, Lester Flockton, who spoke at our 2008 Conference on the subject of the *New Curriculum*, is addressing a number of meetings being organised within our area on the subject of National Standards.

We believe that this will be a good opportunity for school trustees to hear directly from one of the four prominent academics who wrote the open letter to the Minister of Education in November last year.

The meetings are being held as follows:

**Silverstream Retreat                      Tuesday 10 August 2010**

**Mana Education Centre                  Wednesday 11 August 2010**

Both meetings will commence at 7.00pm and conclude around 9.30pm.

As numbers are limited to the first 50 to be registered we suggest that you e-mail your RSVP to:

Diane Leggett at [dleggett@kns.school.nz](mailto:dleggett@kns.school.nz) or Jo Fotherrgill at [dragonsinger57@gmail.com](mailto:dragonsinger57@gmail.com)

**no later** than Friday 6 August.

## INCLUDED WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER

Included within this Newsletter package is a separate opinion piece on National Standards headed ***A personal perspective*** by Bill Courtney.

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