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Kia ora katoa

There is normally more than a few days between these P2Ps but things are happening thick and fast and it's critical that principals are kept in the loop.

In some cases new ideas and developments may seem attractive to us as principals, but things are not always as good as they appear to be - read on!

Your say on your pay offer

Don't forget to attend your nearest information meeting about your collective agreement negotiations ([check your meeting dates here](#)). A good turn-out at these meetings is very important. These are update meetings, not paid union meetings.

For those of you outside main centres, we will be asking for your views electronically on Friday August 6th (not July 31st as previously advised).

Private sector ownership of schools a risk to education

NZEI believes the Government's plan to open tenders to private companies to finance, build, own and maintain schools as early as Term 1 next year poses significant educational and financial risks. The Government itself admits the cost savings of such schemes are negligible yet the implications for schools and their communities could be significant. [Read more.](#)

Is the 90 day trial law good for education?

NZEI is concerned about Government proposals to expand the 90 day trial law to all worksites and to reduce workplace rights. Is it fair to fire someone in their first three months of a new job without any requirement to say why, and with no right of appeal?

Will proposals giving employers the right to require you to bring a sick note when you or your kids are sick for even just one day be workable? Read our press releases: [ECE sector](#), [primary sector](#).

Vision or nightmare?

The Minister of Education is seeking responses to a report '[A Vision for the Teaching Profession](#)'. While some of the proposals appear attractive, the report's recommendations include introducing performance pay and requiring initial teacher education to be undertaken in schools. NZEI encourages you to [respond to the report](#) and tell the Minister you don't share all of the advisory group's vision. Feedback is due by 6 August.

National Standards 'Warrant of Fitness'



Check out the National Standards '[warrant of fitness](#)' sheet (this was mailed out to schools this week). It's a great tool for you to use to initiate discussion with your colleagues, your staff, your Board and your wider school community about the professional issues raised by the Standards. [Click here](#) for the latest media coverage of the campaign.

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