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Kia ora katoa

Week 5 of the term is upon us already and so much to do. I am yet to work out which part of the year is the 'quiet time' for us to sit back and reflect!

Overwhelming rejection of Ministry pay offer

Principals participated in the ballot on their offer either at meetings or electronically. There was an overwhelming rejection of the Ministry offer coupled with an equally strong vote to reject the Ministry claim to stipulate annual leave in the collective agreement. This membership response was reported back to the Ministry when principals' negotiations resumed on Thursday 19th August. Some progress was made on a few issues, but to date, the Ministry has not improved its salary increase offer. Further negotiations are scheduled for August 30th.

Beyond National Standards: Support to engage parents in student learning

NZEI has produced some new materials to promote the importance of the partnership between parents, whānau, teachers and students and to inform parents about National Standards reporting.

The desire to engage parents more deeply in student learning is a goal shared by schools, NZEI and the Government. The "plain English" reporting of student achievement against the National Standards is one of the Government's key "selling points" to parents. It is based on the notion that clearer reporting will increase parental understanding and involvement.

However, unreliable data and rushed implementation has cast doubt on the fairness and validity of the Standards and added to concerns about the impact of reporting of the Standards on student motivation and engagement.

NZEI has produced a leaflet for parents to explain the mismatch between norm-referenced assessment tools such as PAT, STAR and e-asTTle and the Standards and how this may impact on reporting of their child's achievement. There is also a poster promoting partnership to support children's learning.

NZEI worksite reps are being mailed the material this week and you can [download the leaflet and poster here](#). Further copies of the material can be ordered from stephanie.mills@nzei.org.nz.

Just 19 percent of schools well prepared for National Standards - ERO

NZEI says Education Minister Anne Tolley's claims that 80% of schools are making "good progress" implementing National Standards is political gloss, not reality. Read the [NZEI media release here](#), and the [full ERO report here](#).

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