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## **A message from the president**

PPTA president Jack Boyle shares the work PPTA has been doing on your behalf and the important issues we will be facing as the year goes on.

[President's message](#)

## **Communities of Learning - what is going on?**

### **Important PPTA survey coming soon**

This is your chance to express your experience and opinions of Communities of Learning.

PPTA executive has given approval for a survey of teachers and principals in schools which are in Communities of Learning (CoLs). Next week, if your school is in a CoL, a survey link will be sent to your email address.

The email will have the subject line '*PPTA CoL Survey 2017*'.

The survey will be used to help determine PPTA's future policy and direction on CoLs. It will also be the basis of PPTA input into the evaluations of CoLs being done on behalf of the MoE. Please complete the survey when it arrives. It will be the only opportunity for all teachers and leaders in

schools in CoLs to have their voice heard in the official evaluation.

The survey will be suitable for every teacher and leader in the school – regardless of how involved or not you are with the CoL.

If you do not receive an email link to the survey and you know your school is in a CoL contact [rwillets@ppta.org.nz](mailto:rwillets@ppta.org.nz)

## **Senior Positions Advisory Committee by-elections**

Nominations are again called for two positions on PPTA's Senior Positions Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the Executive on matters affecting those in senior management positions in secondary and area schools.

Those eligible for the committee are PPTA members who are senior managers with school-wide responsibilities regardless of units held. (This means staff in the roles of assistant, deputy or associate principal.)

Due to recent vacancies, nominations are called for the following areas:

**Area 3 Auckland - western and northern wards**

**Area 7 East Coast and Hawke's Bay**

The term of office is the two years: 2017 and 2018.

Nominations should reach Wendy Daniell , NZPPTA, Freepost 103122, PO Box 2119, Wellington, Fax (04) 382 876 or Email [wdaniell@ppta.org.nz](mailto:wdaniell@ppta.org.nz) by **5pm on Friday 28 April 2017** on the form attached.

## **Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying**

PPTA is part of the Pink Shirt Day coalition. We invite you and your school to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying on Friday 26 May 2017.



Celebrated annually, Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships.

A record number of schools got involved last year and with your help we can make Pink Shirt Day even bigger, brighter and pinker this year!

Bullying is a significant problem for New Zealand's young people and can have serious and ongoing impacts on mental health and wellbeing. Some groups experience much higher rates of bullying, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) young people.

[Register](#)

You can register your school above or via the Pink Shirt Day website

[www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz),

They will let you know when toolkits, free resources and official Mr Vintage t-shirts are available.

## **Bullying-Free NZ week**

Pink Shirt day rounds up New Zealand's annual nationwide Bully-Free NZ week, which runs from Monday 22 May to Friday 26 May. Schools can request a free activity pack with a range of bullying-prevention themed ideas or download the pack at [BullyingFree.nz](http://BullyingFree.nz)

[BullyingfreeNZ Week Activity Pack  
2017](#)

## **NETs conference Looking Forward Looking Back**



This year the Establishing Teachers Committee will be hosting the biennial Network of Establishing Teachers (NETs) conference. This time it is in Christchurch, immediately after Easter. It is a great opportunity to meet other beginning teachers, attend workshops on issues specifically pertaining to NETs, and find out what support PPTA can offer you.

[Register online](#)

[PPTA New Teachers Conference 2017 details](#)

For more information email [nets@ppta.org.nz](mailto:nets@ppta.org.nz)

## Update your details

We know many of you change roles and/or schools at the beginning of the year. To update your details and ensure your PPTA membership continues email [membership@ppta.org.nz](mailto:membership@ppta.org.nz).

If this email has been forwarded to you in error please let your branch chair know or inform Anna Kirtlan [akirtlan@ppta.org.nz](mailto:akirtlan@ppta.org.nz)



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