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Introducing - The Promise to New Teachers

PPTA has launched the Promise to New Teachers to ask schools throughout the country to support the next generation of teachers by not using illegal temporary contracts. By signing the promise principals, boards of trustees and school communities are showing their commitment to the future of the profession.

A number of schools have already signed up and we hope many more will follow suit.

If you want your school to sign up there is information and resources on the PPTA website to help make this happen.

[Promise to New Teachers](#)

Our promise to new teachers

PPTA is campaigning to make sure you

- are offered permanent employment, unless there's a legal exception
- receive everything you are entitled to
- are provided with quality induction and mentoring
- get all the resource you need to learn and grow in your practice

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Area school ballot extended

Time has been extended for area school branch members to have their say about the future of their bargaining.

Area school branch members should have received an email containing a link to access a SurveyMonkey ballot. Members who hadn't responded to the survey by Tuesday May 30 should have received a message with the subject line "Reminder: PPTA needs your views". The deadline has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday 7 June to ensure that a good representation of area school members have their say.

Check that your colleagues have voted too, and if they haven't received the email, let us know.

Email rwillets@ppta.org.nz

Background information and resources can be accessed on the members only section of the PPTA website.

Service/qualification increment: a reminder

Teachers in secondary schools who do not hold a permanent unit and who have been at their salary maximum for three years may be eligible for the \$2000 Service Increment

Teachers in area schools who hold up to three units and who have been at their salary maximum for three years may be eligible. Visit the PPTA website to see if you are eligible.

[Service/qualification increment information](#)

Pro-rata non-contact part time case - update



PPTA is in the process of finalising legal documents for the equal pay case to help our part-time members achieve pro-rata non-contact time. PPTA members voted to take this case in late 2015. Since then there has been considerable changes to the law with a landmark case taken by Kristine Bartlett (and her union E Tū) and a new government bill shortly to be introduced in Parliament.

Further detail on the case, and how you can help campaign on equal pay, can be found on the members only side of the PPTA website.

[Equal pay case information](#)

Affirming diverse sexualities and genders in schools

PPTA has relaunched an updated set of guidelines for schools to help them create a safe and affirming environment for all students. We believe gender and sexuality should never be barriers to student engagement and achievement. The refreshed guidelines are available on the PPTA website.

[Affirming diversity of sexualities and gender identities in the school community](#)

We suspect many of you may have noticed the media interest around this topic and would like to thank Rainbow Taskforce convener Shawn Cooper for expertly handling the unexpected media throng. Deputy general secretary policy Tom Haig has shared his thoughts on how this has played out.

[Unexpected upsets about toilets and uniforms](#)

PPTA submission on proposed education council fee increases

Many of you have put in excellent submissions about the education council's proposed fee hikes. PPTA has submitted it's own on behalf of our members and we would like to share it with you.

[Education council fees increase - PPTA submission](#)

Help for provisionally certificated relievers

The Education Council recently announced that there is money available to help provisionally certificated teachers who are part-time or relieving across a number of schools to move to full certification. This will help them avoid having to do a Teacher Education Refresh course, costing \$4,000.

Branch officers are asked to ensure that eligible teachers are informed about this new scheme. The money for schools is to release a mentor in a host school for one hour a week to work with a reliever who is part of the way towards full certification but not there yet because of the number of hours they teach in individual schools.

The people eligible will not be those who do solely single days relieving. It is not possible to show that you meet the Practising Teacher Criteria doing only individual days, because you don't have ongoing responsibility for a class.

The Council has produced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which a teacher can download and take to the schools in which they work, and ask if one of them is willing to be the host school, and then get other schools to agree to contribute appraisal evidence to the host school. This then needs to go to the Education Council for their approval. Schools themselves can also approach people they think would be eligible.

[Support for Provisionally Certificated teachers to access Induction and Mentoring programmes](#)

Komiti Pasifika mini fono in Ōtautahi Christchurch - invitation

Komiti Pasifika is holding one of its regular meetings on the evening of 22 June and morning of 23 June to be followed by a mini fono from 11.00am to 3.30pm. All teachers of Pasifika heritage in Te Wai Pounamu are welcome to attend the fono, it is excellent PD and networking. Ask your branch or region for assistance to travel from outside Ōtautahi.

Venue: Ministry of Education building, 40 Hereford Street

Time: 11.00am - 3.30pm

Light lunch provided

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