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NZ Association for Research in Education
Te Hunga Rangahau Mātauranga o Aotearoa



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Education issues in the news (a new service)

✓ John O'Neill has taken on the Minister and Treasury over the actual research evidence regarding class sizes. His letter is in the NEWS on the NZARE website. A great example of policy-informed scholarship ✓ Martin Thrupp's research findings on National Standards is due this month. ✓ Liz Gordon had a double shot in the news with her research on restorative practices in schools being featured on a Saturday, and the following Monday that her Māori children of prisoners research had sparked a Ministerial Review (by Hon Pita Sharples in his role as Associate Minister of Education. ✓ There has been quite a lot of media interest in the charter schools issue, with some of our members wanting to start a charter school, and others decrying the importation of this US model into NZ. A conference debate, perhaps? ✓ Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiarangi launched the books recently. The authors of both books are members of NZARE. The first is an induction and mentoring handbook called Te Hāpai Ō. The other, He Kōrero, is written by Alison Jones and Kuni Jenkins. ✓ The Royal Society has written to Minister Steven Joyce protesting that the word 'science' is likely to be omitted from the new super-ministry. They say: "While the new title may not matter in terms of the operation of the new Ministry... the absence of the word 'science' could send an unfortunate signal giving the impression that science and research may somehow be overlooked". ✓ AERA President Arnetha Ball's theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting resonates throughout the program, from the Opening Plenary Address by Linda Smith, entitled "The Knowing Circle of Indigenous Education: It Is Not Enough Just to Know," to Ball's Presidential Address, "To Know Is Not Enough: Knowledge, Power, and the Zone of Generativity."

Members please note: Your Council is interested in hearing what our members are saying in the media. Are there issues that NZARE should take a stand on? Should we be defenders of research-led practice? Your views are welcome.

Conference 2012

NZARE is encouraging members to attend the AARE conference in Sydney this year. However, a smaller NZARE conference will be held, hosted by the WMIER at Waikato University, on 29 and 30 November, with a seminar and SIG day on the 28th. These dates follow on from the Paulo Freire conference, held at the beginning of that week in Hamilton. Information on the conference venue and other details will be released on the NZARE website shortly.

Membership renewal

Currently, membership renewal is structured throughout the year, and everyone has a renewal 'date'. This system is confusing and the Council has decided to move back

to a single date: 1 July each year. When you get your membership renewal this year, the amount owing will be pro-rated depending on your previous renewal date. Contact mary-liz.broadley@openpolytechnic.ac.nz for further information.

Postcard

NZARE has had a postcard-sized flyer printed for use when our members go overseas (primarily). The aim is to get our Association better known when we travel to external conferences or other meetings. These are available free of charge to members. Please let us know when you are going and how many you will definitely be able to give away. We have 3,000 in total and would like to see them distributed over the next two years. Contact heleen.visser@minedu.govt.nz.

Maori caucus report (full report on website)

Kua tau pae atu koutou ki tua o te whāraua ngā kanoahi te urunga o te rā, kua ngaro, kua ngaro i te rā nei. He manu koa hoki te taea te hokahoka kiki a manu te tawai ki Hikurangi maunga. Haere atu rā koe ki ngā nohoanga matamata a rātau mā e Hone Kaa ki te kainga tūturu mo te tangata. Kua ngaro atu rā koe i runga i tō waka whakarei haere, haere atu rā ki te huinga o te kahurangi ka oti atu koutou e.

On behalf of the NZARE Council, we acknowledge with deepest sympathy the passing of Dr Hone Kaa who will be sadly missed by the Māoridom and his iwi Ngāti Porou. He is now laid to rest at Rangitukia in the East Coast.

I attended a wānanga at Ōtenuku marae Ruātoki on the 16-18 March which launched and hosted the first of six dedicated Wānanga Whaikōrero for 2012 as part of the development of Wānanga Whaikōrero Ruātoki 2020.

Professor Tairahia Black of Massey University with a powerful complement of Ruātoki-Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi reo academics, orators, whānau, hapū, iwi marae leaders, kaumātua have met 3-4 times to plan the Ōtenuku and Wānanga Whaikōrero Ruātoki 2020. The vision of these whaikōrero wānanga is strategically connected to other Ruātoki-Tūhoe advancements in social, cultural, educational, health, performing arts, weaponry use, land retention, development and environmental advancements. The key to prise open the door to wānanga whaikōrero is te reo motuhake (dedicated language platform) of Tūhoe.

Tuia Te Ako Conference 29-30 March, 2012, Pipitea Marae, Wellington

During the Conference I arranged to get Māori academics from Auckland, Waikato, Massey, Victoria and Canterbury Universities to submit written articles for a special edition in Te Reo Māori of the NZARE journal. These will be submitted in June this year. Te Reo Māori reviewers will be Professor Wiremu Doherty from Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, and Professor Tairahia Black Massey University.

Tohu Pae Tawhiti

The Council has agreed there is a need to review the current criteria for the NZARE Tohu Pae Tawhiti. The main reason this award has not been awarded since is that the Council has not received nominations that meet the criteria. The new criteria will be submitted at the next Council hui.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Agnes McFarland a.j.mcfarland@massey.ac.nz

Pasifika caucus report

On behalf of the NZARE Council, we acknowledge with deep respect and sincere sympathy, for the Tongan communities and our Tongan members and colleagues, the passing away of King George Tupou V. May he rest in peace.

Warm Pacific Greetings to You All

I hope you have all had a good start to your working year and that you have settled into a steady productive rhythm of teaching, research, administration and management, policy analysis and development, lobbying and advocacy, study - whichever combination of these responsibilities are most relevant to you!

There are two matters I would like to ask of you:

1. The Pasifika Caucus website is currently being updated. Please let me know if there is information on new publications, new initiatives, up-coming conferences as well as new appointments in Pasifika education – so we can share with the wider community.
2. The Council has agreed there is a need to review the current criteria for the NZARE Group Award – including the Pasifika Research Group Award. This is awarded every two years. The main reason this award has not been awarded since is that the Council has not received nominations that meet the criteria.

The Council welcomes a review and recommendations for the criteria for this research award. They have asked Maori and Pasifika Caucus representatives on the Council to work collaboratively on this.

As the Pasifika Caucus member, my challenge is the ability to engage Pasifika education researchers and educators who are NZARE members, in this process. I am going through current NZARE membership lists to try and identify Pasifika Caucus members, but of course this is not a precise or exact exercise.

Please let me know if you are interested, and willing, to be counted/ involved in NZARE's Pasifika Caucus! This will help me to create an email group for this Caucus.

With respect to you all,
Tanya Wendt Samu t.samu@auckland.ac.nz

Supporting Innovation through Technology and Science Education Forum

NZARE agreed to be a sponsor of this forum, on the basis that our members would then get a 20% discount to attend the conference. There was no cost to the Association – we were lending our name only to the proceedings. There is, of course, a risk to this as the conference is a for-profit forum and it could be argued it is using

our reputation. If you have views on this matter in terms of future conferences, please let us know by emailing kerry.earl@waikato.ac.nz.

Ethics scenarios for educational researchers

Assistance needed

We still need more NZARE members to provide details of the ethical dilemmas they have encountered while doing educational research. Realistic scenarios help bring ethics to life, particularly for less experienced researchers. Scenarios also help to focus attention on concrete educational research practice puzzles, rather than abstract principles. Contact John O'Neill at J.G.Oneill@massey.ac.nz.

For more details on how you can help:

<http://www.nzare.org.nz/research-ethics.html>

or click on 'Research Ethics' on the NZARE homepage

www.nzare.org.nz

New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies

Special issue 2013

Proposals are invited for a special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies*. It is envisaged that the special issue will appear in the second half of 2013.

The special issue will address a specific theme and include contributions from some of the leading New Zealand researchers in the proposed area of study. Most special issues will also feature some work from new and emerging researchers who are beginning to make a name for themselves in the chosen area.

General policies regarding special issues:

Each special issue will have a Guest Editor or Editors, who will seek advice from the journal's Editor(s) as appropriate in preparing the issue. Previous experience in editing collections of academic work would be an advantage.

Special issues will have a clear sense of purpose and, when published, will serve as important reference points for subsequent scholarship in the area, particularly within New Zealand. Proposals for special issues will be considered by the Editorial Board of the *New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies*, whose decision shall be final.

Criteria to be considered in assessing proposals include the following:

- The educational significance of the theme.
- The clarity, rigour and cohesiveness of the proposal.
- The academic record and editing experience of the proposed Guest Editor(s).

- The ability to attract strong contributions from across New Zealand and, where appropriate, internationally.
- The ability to deliver the finished issue, allowing time for reviewing and revisions, within the specified deadline.

Proposals for the 2013 Special Issue should be submitted to the Editors by 15 August 2012, and should include the following:

- A description of the proposed theme and its significance.
- The proposed Guest Editor(s).
- A list of possible contributors.
- A statement confirming that it will be possible to find at least two anonymous reviewers for each paper.
- A timeline for completion of the various steps in the writing, reviewing and publication process.
- The proposed number of papers.
- A brief biographical statement and/or CV for the Guest Editor(s), including reference to any previous academic editing experience.

A decision on the special issue for 2013 will be made by the end of September 2012.

Further information on responsibilities and requirements in completing special issues can be obtained from the Editors of the journal: Dr Vicki Carpenter and Dr Iris Duhn, NZJES@nzare.org.nz

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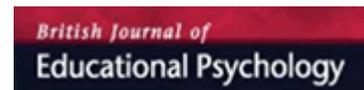
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