

Don't Forget – Paid Union Meetings for Primary Teachers

Paid union meetings for primary teachers get underway April 26 and run until May 13. It's important all teachers go along to discuss the National Standards campaign and their collective agreement claim. There are a number of meetings to choose from in your area – [find one that suits you here](#).

Your Mission – Choose to Accept it!

You must be at a paid union meeting to hear about Operation Orange where all will be revealed about your next mission in the National Standards campaign!

Please keep downloading copies of the “**Trial National Standards Not Our Kids**” petition and get friends and family signed up. You can get copies of the petition and keep updated on the campaign at www.handsupforlearning.org.nz

Help Stop Bullying – Pink Shirt Day – April 28th

The purpose of **PINK SHIRT DAY** is to call attention to the issue of bullying in schools and centres as well as workplaces in general.

- New Zealand has the second highest rate of primary school bullying in 37 countries.
- Children and young people consistently rate bullying as one of their biggest concerns.



Standing up Against Bullying makes a Difference!

Go to www.pinkshirtday.org.nz for information, posters and ideas about how you can mark PINK SHIRT DAY in your worksites.

Celebrate 25 years of ECECA

Early childhood members are celebrating their hugely influential collective agreement, with the 25th anniversary of its first signing this month. As a multi-employer agreement it's been a significant force in raising standards of quality education in the sector. **There are celebrations happening in a number of regions**. A DVD on the history of the agreement is also being released.

ECECA pay rate change

Step 1 of the unqualified/in-training pay scale increased on 1 April 2010 to \$12.75 to reflect the increase to the minimum wage.

Barnardos

The Barnardos agreement expires at the end of June. [Click here](#) to provide feedback for claims development or for information on how to be on the negotiations team.

Public Private Partnerships

The government has strongly indicated that it will give the go ahead for a primary school to be built as part of a public private partnership.

NZEI believes PPPs and quality public education are not a good fit and is calling for safeguards to be put in place to protect public education from profit-driven private investment. [Press Release](#).

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