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Trial National Standards, Not Our Kids

NZEI TE RIU ROA



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Primary Teachers' Paid Union Meetings in Term 2

All primary worksites will get information about the dates and venues of your paid union meetings in the mail. The information is being posted out from National Office this week, and is also [available on line](#).

The NZEI National Standards bus tour rolls on to Marlborough, Nelson, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Kapiti and Wellington

The rain may have fallen in Napier last week, but that didn't stop well-attended public meetings, great local media coverage and enthusiastic members joining the bus in Gisborne and the Hawkes Bay. See www.handsupforlearning.org.nz for the latest photos and media coverage.

Final bus stop at Parliament Wednesday 31st March

The National Standards bus tour finishes up at Parliament on March 31 at 12.30pm. It's a chance to show the government the strength of public and school support for a National Standards trial. If you can attend the Parliament event at 12.30pm on Wednesday March 31st without causing any disruption to students' learning, please let stephanie.mills@nzei.org.nz know. Participants are also invited to meet at 2pm at Education House after the event to meet President Frances Nelson and get an update on the campaign.

Last call: Orange School Community Appeals

This Friday March 26th is the deadline to post or fax your [school community appeal](#) supporting a trial of the National Standards to **NZEI National Office, PO Box 466 Wellington 6140**, or fax it to **04 3851772**. Make sure your school's voice is heard (and seen) at Parliament on March 31st – there will be a sea of orange placards!

TXT your message to Parliament!

If you can't join NZEI members at Parliament on March 31st for the presentation of the school community appeals, you can text your message of support to **0278 219559** and we'll make sure it flashes up on a screen at Parliament!



NZEI Te Riu Roa Scholarships

Librarian Wendy Ballard highly recommends support staff members think about applying for an NZEI scholarship, having used her 2009 award to develop her own Library/Information Literacy project into a professional on-line resource package to share with other schools. "It's a great opportunity to spend some time doing something you're really passionate about and that will benefit children's learning," she says.

Two scholarships are available for Support Staff members and two for Early Childhood members for the 2011 academic year. Information is available [here](#), and applications are invited from April 2010. The scholarships can help further your career by completing a qualification, carrying out a research project or attending a professional conference. Begin planning your application now.

Teacher Registration

A proposed increase in the practising certificate fee was announced in the [Teachers Council Director's Newsletter](#), and in a letter emailed to those teachers for whom the Council has an email address. NZEI supports the Teachers Council as a professional body. National Executive has noted the rise and

expressed concern that the benefits of the Council and its activities to support the profession need to be more visible to teachers.

The Director of the Council, Peter Lind, has agreed NZEI members can email their comments directly to him at peter.lind@teacherscouncil.govt.nz. A copy to [NZEI](#) for the National Executive's information would be useful.

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