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## **President's Comment 26**

Dear Colleagues

I enjoyed the opportunity last week to meet with Secondary Principals from the Central North Island area at their annual two-day meeting at Wairakei. An excellent programme of professional learning was organized for participants who also took full advantage of the opportunity to network and socialize with their colleagues.

Attending such events convinces me that Secondary Principals in this country work incredibly hard, are totally committed to their schools and above all else, are really good people and fun to be with. In coming weeks I look forward to similar meetings with colleagues from the Far North and my home region in Counties-Manukau.

Thank you for the feedback and support on the Kivisport initiative funding – The Minister of Sport and Recreation's secretary has sent an acknowledgment of my letter which has "been put before the Minister for his consideration". There is still some confusion as to the exact per student amount that will be paid out to schools in the direct fund component of the policy. The Ministry of Education website states \$21 per secondary student, the NZ government website has a figure of \$20-86 and a leading MOE official has given \$21-84 as the payment. No-one seems to know for sure whether it is a GST inclusive or exclusive figure and some people from the Ministry differ from those in SPARC and regional sports trusts on this issue.

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