

## President's Comment 20

13 May 2016



**Sandy Pasley**  
**SPANZ President**

Dear Colleagues

### Executive Meeting 19 and 20 May

Your Executive are meeting next week and during the two days have meetings scheduled with the Secretary for Education, Peter Hughes, CRO of ERO, Iona Holsted, CEO and Legal Adviser of Worksafe NZ and Carolyn Stuart, Education Sector Leader, Network for Learning. Any issues you wish to raise with our guests email to [ros@spanz.school.nz](mailto:ros@spanz.school.nz) – thank you.

### Funding Review

The Minister of Education has convened an Advisory Group, chaired by the Secretary of Education to review the funding model currently in place for early childhood and schooling sectors. The purpose of putting this Advisory Group together is so that they can critically comment on the work being undertaken by the Ministry and to test and refine the Ministry's thinking to date. The first meeting of the group is next Friday 20 May and I will be attending representing you as a SPANZ member. I would appreciate comment / input that I can share with the group.

### Office of the Privacy Commissioner

They have a blog that may be helpful about the privacy side of school directories. They have.... *outlined some of the key privacy issues that schools should be aware of when publishing school directories, as well as some tips for managing issues.*

*This blog post will be a useful resource for any publications you may have – such as newsletters, a blog of your own, direct email or any other way you communicate with your members. It's particularly relevant this week, as it is currently Privacy Week.*

The blog is here: <https://privacy.org.nz/blog/some-direction-on-school-directories/>

### SPANZ Secretariat

Those of you who attended Conference in Queenstown would have met our new Executive Manager, Jo Young who took up the position a week before conference. We have also built more capacity in the SPANZ office contracting Suzy Acar-Reynolds as our Executive Assistant.

Further to these changes the office is relocating on the 3rd June to the Trends Building on Main Highway Ellerslie, Suite 4H, on Level 2. Phone and fax numbers remain the same and there is no change to our postal address.

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## **SPANZ PA Conference 2016 on the 11 and 12 August**

The feedback from 2015 overwhelmingly opted for the Bay of Islands for this year. The programme is a work in progress at this stage, but I understand well on track to provide good professional development for your Personal Assistant. I encourage you to support your PA attending.

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**President**

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