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Keeping your branch informed

As PPTA branch chairs you are our contact point for our members in your school. Just a reminder to share this collective news email with your members to help keep your branch informed. You can send this to individuals through the forward button at the bottom of this message or groups by forwarding this email.

Voluntary bonding scheme - are you eligible?

Teachers who started teaching in decile one schools in the last five years may be eligible for voluntary bonding payments of up to \$17,500. It's recently become apparent that there could be quite a few teachers who haven't applied for these payments because they are not aware of them.

If you are teaching in one of the eligible schools, which are very isolated and decile one you should check the Teach NZ website to see if you can receive this payment. There is an application form that you can complete in your first three years of teaching, or up to the end of your fifth year, as long as you have remained teaching in an eligible school.

[Voluntary bonding - list of eligible schools\(PDF\)](#)

[Voluntary bonding scheme FAQs](#)

[Voluntary bonding scheme application form \(PDF\)](#)

2017 PPTA annual conference - papers online



Want to get more involved in PPTA decisions? PPTA's annual conference is your chance. The 2017 conference will be held at the Brentwood Hotel, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington from Tuesday 3 October to Thursday 5 October.

The conference is the association's democratic decision making body and the PPTA team in your region is selecting delegates now. If you would like to be part of the process let your PPTA branch or regional chair know.

Conference papers are now available on the member only section of the PPTA website. They will be made available to the public from 11 September.

To log in to the website your username is your MoE number with no zeroes in front or the preferred email address we have for you on file. Your password is also your MoE number minus the zeroes until you log in and change it.

[2017 PPTA annual conference papers](#)

We will also be providing live, web-streamed coverage of all the conference speeches, debates and decisions.

PPTA publications revamp

We are in the process of updating our member information publications to make sure they are current and user friendly. Below is a list of publications that are up to date. If you have an earlier

version of any of this material please destroy it and contact your local field office or us directly for a replacement. Older versions may have out of date information in them and be inaccurate. We will let you know via the collective news when new and updated publications are added to the list

Updated PPTA publications

[Affirming diversity of sexualities and gender identities in the school community](#)

[Branch chairs' handbook](#)

[Elected officers' handbook](#)

[Mahi tika and Health and Safety courses](#)

[Meeting procedures](#)

[Parental leave and payments](#)

[Women's network handbook](#)

[Beginning teachers' handbook](#)

New publications

[Photographing/filming students in the classroom and at school](#)

[Publishing student work](#)

Pamphlets can also be downloaded and printed from the PPTA website.

Leaving teaching? Please fill in our survey



PPTA has started an ongoing survey to provide annual information from secondary teachers and school leaders on why they leave teaching in New Zealand schools.

This information is not collected by the New Zealand Ministry of Education or any other organisation from those who leave. We believe this information is essential in planning for the

future.

The survey can be completed in five minutes and responses will be anonymous.

[Leaving teaching survey](#)

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Rob Willetts

[Contact Rob](#)

Message for people in Community of Learning roles

The Teachers' Refresher Course Committee (TRCC) is running a course in April next year (18 – 20 April 2018, in Auckland) titled 'The power of collaboration – Leading learning within and across schools'. This symposium is for people working in CoL roles, Specialist Classroom Teachers, and any other leaders of teaching and learning in primary, intermediate or secondary school contexts. The planning committee includes SCTs and CoL representatives.

A survey has been developed to collect views from people in CoL roles about what you would like to see in the programme. (The SCT Association is surveying its members separately.) The survey below should take you no more than 10 minutes and your responses will help greatly in the planning of this symposium. The survey will close on Friday September 15th at 5pm.

[Survey of teachers in CoL roles - Across Community and Within School teachers](#)

Branch officers please pass this on to anyone in your branch who is in a CoL role as a Within School or Across Community Teacher



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