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Rainbow Network Newsletter

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Safer Schools for All workshops

The invitation to principals for a PPTA Safer Schools for All workshop went out last week. Invitations are sent to schools where we have not delivered a workshop before.

The Safer Schools workshops have been running since 2012. We do not run them as a PPTA branch activity, and require the principal or a senior leader to invite us. This is to try and ensure all staff attend. If you think your school would benefit from one, now is the time to suggest it to the principal, while it is near the top of their inbox.

[More information about the workshops](#)

WorldPride – Diversity in Education Conference

In February Jerome Cargill and Ben Mills (supported by me) attended the Diversity in Education Conference in Sydney as part of WorldPride. We delivered two workshops on the work PPTA does to support LGBTIQ+ teachers and students. The workshops were well received – look out for Jerome's writeup in a future *PPTA News*.



Thank you

Huge thanks to everyone who turned up at the rallies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in support of transgender rights. As well as LGBTQIA+ teachers there were a number of allies. The photos below are from the Wellington rally.



New Flags

The photos also show off the new flags. These are available if regions want to borrow them. There are sets of the triangular pennant flags in the field offices, or you can contact me and I will courier them out from National Office. Our flags and banners have been used at various pride events around the motu, including regional gatherings, pride parades and pride picnics.

Rainbow Network

If you have received this email you are on the PPTA Rainbow Network list. If you have a colleague who wishes to be added (or you received this email from a colleague and want to be added to the list) please email me.

There is also a PPTA Rainbow Facebook page. This can be found by searching for "PPTA Rainbow" in Facebook. There are a few questions to answers before you will be added – this is because it is for members only, and people's names are often different on Facebook from our database.

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