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## Kiaora koutou.

Greetings from PENZ for what will be the last newsletter of 2008.

However, this will not, be the last communication in 2008 from PENZ to you.

### Great news!....

It is with great excitement that we can confirm that we currently have in print a special edition of the *Journal of Physical Education New Zealand* which will be sent to you within weeks. This special edition has as its theme "Physically educating for the future" and contains refereed articles written by New Zealand physical educators. PENZ thanks the writers and reviewers for managing the tight timeframes of this publication.

Huge thanks go to PENZ Board member Lisette Burrows, who took on the huge (voluntary) task of editing this publication. The editing and management of any such publication is a significant undertaking and on behalf of all PENZ members and readers in schools throughout NZ, we express real gratitude to Lisette for her work.

## New pastures for Lorna...

Lorna Gillespie has announced her 'retirement' from her position as Senior Advisor for PENZ effective November 30. It is with an enormous sense of gratitude and sadness that we farewell from PENZ staff a staunch PENZ supporter and one that has offered us as an organization so much over so many years. Lorna has been President, Vice-President, Board Member and latterly Senior Advisor for our organization. She knows the organization inside and out, has advocated tirelessly for Physical Education in national and international forums, dreamt up and fronted numerous fabulous PENZ conferences and dragged the PENZ board into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with sound governance strategies and a re-shaping of the organisation's governance and management roles.

Juggling multiple commitments as mother, teacher, advisor, president, in-service educator, her work on behalf of PENZ has gone well beyond what could be expected of anyone in both paid and voluntary positions. It is largely due to Lorna's work, together with that of our ex-CEO Simon Jackson that PENZ has established excellent working relationships with key government agencies, is regularly consulted regarding education policy and resources and has won a media profile that sees us regularly approached to make commentary on issues relating to physical education and physical activity nationally.

Lorna's in-service work with teachers of Physical Education is well known and regarded. She encourages us to continue pushing boundaries regarding what Physical Education is and can be, has assisted numerous teachers to embrace the philosophy and aims underpinning our *Health and Physical Education in the New Zealand Curriculum* document and continues to help us understand, interpret, and enact the tenets of the recently released *The New Zealand Curriculum*.

Lorna's boots are made for 'walking' – they will be large ones to fill and on behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our profound thanks for the decade plus of dedicated service to the profession. Lorna assures us she will not be 'missing in action' from here-on in. Indeed, it is difficult to envisage a Physical Education without Lorna in it. Our warmest congratulations on our decision to take a 'break' and best wishes from all of us for whatever comes next Lorna. Thankyou doesn't quite cut it – but from the bottom of our hearts – thankyou!

**Lisette Burrows (PENZ Board member)**



## Introduction of Assessment Standards

Message from the MOE...(as seen in 27 October Gazette)

“As part of an ongoing programme to improve the NCEA, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and NZQA are carrying out a standards review. This will ensure that curriculum based standards are aligned to the NZ Curriculum, address issues of duplication, credit parity, consistency, fairness and coherence for all standards on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

**The standards aligned to the NZ Curriculum would be progressively rolled out from 2010. Level 1 standards will be introduced in 2010, Level 2 in 2011 and Level 3 in 2012”.**

## Looking back over 2008...

This has been a big year for PENZ!

In 2008 PENZ has continued to work on your behalf to support and promote the place, purpose and potential of physical education. Some of the highlights this year are:

- Provided every member and National conference participant with an Advocacy Resource in the form of a CD
- Developed in partnership with SiliconCoach the excellent Movement Resource Pack – see details elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Organised and ran a very successful National Conference, which received extremely positive feedback on the quality of presentations and great social events.
- Provided numerous professional development workshops throughout NZ on fundamental movement skills, up-skilling teachers and other personnel working in co-curricular physical activity with young people, and supporting the SPARC FMS resource.
- Produced the *Physical Educator – Journal of Physical Education New Zealand* and sent it to every school in New Zealand – informing, challenging and educating us
- Continued to advocate on your behalf at Government level for physical education.
- Taken on the contract for the alignment of Physical Education assessment to NZC(2007)
- Supported regional professional development opportunities.
- and much, much more...

**PENZ values your membership support and we look forward to your continued membership, support and participation.**

## PENZ and people:

It is people that make PENZ such a great organisation – that is you - the members, the staff and the Board. 2008 has been a big year in terms of people as well. In July, multitudes of Pirates of PENZ enjoyed the conference social event. At that event, Professor Bevan Grant was awarded Life Membership to PENZ in recognition of his awesome service and contribution to PENZ over many years. We thank Bevan for his ongoing contribution and participation in PENZ.

In August we farewelled our long-time and very effective CE Simon Jackson, and on November 10, welcomed the new CE Gordon Patterson.

Dave Ruddle and Lorna Gillespie continued to ensure the organisation ran smoothly in the interim. While the Leaders Conferences needed to be postponed for 2008 due to not having a CE and therefore reduced staffing, these professional development opportunities will be back in 2009. Last but not least, more staff movement is imminent as Lorna signalled her end of year resignation from the Senior Adviser position to the Board in October.

## Scholarship Physical Education

A range of resources to support students in their preparation for Scholarship Physical Education are available on the PENZ website. These materials have been developed and shared by a number of people and PENZ wishes to thank them all for their willingness to share this material with students throughout NZ in this way. Please thank these people if you bump into them, and ensure you reference them as the developers of the resources. Thanks go to: Sue McBain, Lorna Gillespie, Anne McKay, Margot Bowes, Natasha Hemara, Monique van Groenewoud, Rhys Taucher Billy Merchant and Natasha Low.

## Movement Resource Pack

Physical Education New Zealand (PENZ) and siliconcoach Ltd have identified the need for teaching resources that would enable student learning of biomechanical concepts and functional anatomy in a graphic and interactive way. To meet this need, siliconcoach and PENZ have collaborated, consulted with teachers and developed this set of resources for teachers to enable student learning in biomechanics, functional anatomy and the appraisal of performance. This resource is ready NOW and has had excellent feedback from the many that have purchased it. **This would be an excellent purchase with that remaining budget money, or certainly worth budgeting for 2009.**

There are significant discounts for PENZ members in purchasing this resource. Check out details on the below link <http://www.siliconcoach.com/channels/education/penz>

## **Do you see sport and recreation as ideal contexts for learning for life?**

If yes, then get ready for Growing Leaders, an exciting new SPARC resource that aims to develop leader learning and leadership experiences for young people aged 9-18.

### **Why Growing Leaders?**

This resource is:

- based on a belief that all young people can be leaders
- designed to nurture/grow our young people into leaders
- designed to take our young people on a leadership journey that equips them with self-confidence tools for life and guides young people to pursue leadership roles in sport and recreation

Nuts and bolts!

### **Growing Leaders:**

- will be available from the beginning of 2009 - so look out for it
- replaces Sport Leader and the Kiwisport Leadership Award – however these will still be available from [www.sparc.org.nz](http://www.sparc.org.nz) through 2009
- comprises four stages of leader learning - explore, discover, navigate and empower
- resources include facilitator guides, sample learning activities, knowledge documents, and recognition certificates
- can be applied in a broad range of leadership roles e.g., physical activity leaders, prefects, peer leaders, coaches, managers, sports administrators, sport and recreation officials, outdoor leaders, captains and
- can be applied in a broad range of contexts e.g., physical education classes, school sport programmes, outdoor education trips, lunchtime recreation activities.

## **Calling all Otago University School of Physical Education graduates... ...remember camping at Paradise or Trotters Gorge?**

Shona Thompson is collecting stories and memories for a book about OUSPE Camp, from Trotters Gorge to Paradise, and she is hoping you'll have something to tell.

You could contribute in either or both of the following ways:

1. Tell us in about 50 words or less what you remember most clearly from OUSPE Camp or what being at Camp meant to you.

Send it now, as you think of it, to [shona.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:shona.thompson@gmail.com)

Don't be concerned about exactly how it is written. Shona will get back to you later to confirm how you might want it to finally appear in the book (eg. edited, polished or anonymous if you wish). Just capture it while it's hot. The more we get of these and the more spread they are across the 59 year history of Camp at OUSPE the better will be the record.

2. You could write a longer essay, 500 to 5,000 words, about something related to OUSPE Camp at Trotters or Paradise. It could be historical documentation, professional reflection, outdoor education philosophy, research done at or about Camp, or simply a darn good yarn. Let Shona know what you have in mind and she'll give you further details regarding dates, format etc.

The book will include anecdotes, essays, observations, memorabilia and photographs. The main target audience will be OUSPE alumni, their friends and families, current and ex-staff. We are hopeful it will be published by Otago University Press.

Please spread the word. Forward this message to anyone who went to Camp whose address you know, or send Shona the details and she'll contact them. Shona is relying on that good OUSPE network and your help to 'snowball' this call for stories. We want to make it a great book.