

PENZ National Conference 2010

Physical Education: Participation, Partnership, Performance, Pleasure

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The National Conference aims to reinvigorate your enthusiasm and encourage optimism in looking forward at a time when the profession has experienced tough challenges and change. Tertiary, secondary and primary teachers are invited to a forum that will focus on good practice and forward thinking about teaching and learning in Physical Education. Colleagues involved in sport, health and recreation are encouraged to join Physical Educators to ensure that we work collectively and collaboratively in enriching the education and development of well-rounded young New Zealanders.

The theme firstly points to "participation", the focus here falling on the opportunity for all young New Zealanders to participate in quality Physical Education, physical activity and sport at school. "Partnership" poses the question of who Physical Education teachers should be partnering with, as in health educators, sports trusts and nutritionists, for example. "Performance" could embrace amongst others, competent movement (motor performance), the ability to analyse critically (cognitive performance), cohesion in teams (social performance), or performance in teaching (perhaps impacted by the absence of advisors). "Pleasure" directs us back to the joy and fun that should be central to Physical Education. The "4-P" theme encapsulates a number of current issues in

Physical Education, encourages further exploration of the New Zealand Curriculum, applied practice in schools and the needs of young New Zealanders in times of rapid change.

The Conference venue is Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, a stunning green environment with attractive buildings and superb facilities. We are in the process of confirming keynote speakers and will report on this progress on the website in the near future. Registration will open in March and all details will be available on www.penz.org.nz

Information will similarly soon be provided on accommodation options with good rates being negotiated. Due to the attraction of the city centre and waterfront, consideration is being given to accommodation in that part of the city. If possible, we will supply transport between the city centre accommodation and the conference venue.

Physical Education New Zealand is your professional subject association. We do hope that you can join us for a fun time of networking with colleagues and establishing new friends. Remember that teachers value colleagues sharing good practice workshops. Take the plunge and present individually, with a colleague or as a department, one of your ideas that works well.