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Hello there everyone – Spring has Sprung – and as usual it's sprung on us everything it can think of!!!

But as always, PTA people will get through it and keep on looking out for what they can do for the children in the school.

The last couple of newsletters have had much information about the education discussions that are going on about different aspects of our education system.

We hope you are getting involved in something – looking at Tomorrow's Schools and the Boards of Trustees would be a good starting point. Or those of you with secondary school age children, maybe take a look at the discussion around NCEA. I recently went to a discussion on NCEA – if it could be 'saved' – and the consensus was that it could!!!!

The discussion was set up by a First Year University group who had just had experience of it called 'Life After School'. The panel consisted of a couple of teachers (one from a – dare I use it – a decile 10 area and the other from a low decile area), a university lecturer who had only recently left the classroom and an ex-Minister of Education.

The discussion was enlightening – both schools had developed innovative and individualised streams for their Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 students. Input also came from parents there and young people themselves – both still at school and first

year uni students.

The consensus was – YES it is a good system – could still be better of course – but definitely worth working on. The curriculum is New Zealand focussed, unlike some alternatives, and worthwhile for all students of whatever level of achievement – and the aim is to lift that achievement for all.



### **Lunchtime Webinar**

Did you miss our free Lunchtime Webinar on how to search the Charities Register this week? Don't worry if you did, we have a [recording and print-outs](#) hot off the press!

### **Update from DIA Policy on the Charities Act review**

Work is on track preparing for the public launch of the Charities Act review. Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Hon Peeni Henare, announced the review in May – ‘We’re publishing documentation relating to the review, including the terms of reference, an indicative timeline, and frequently asked questions, on the review webpage at <https://www.dia.govt.nz/charitiesreview>

Work is continuing for the consultation phase of the review, including preparing the public discussion document for release. We’ll announce further details soon’.

### ***Steve Kerr, Policy Manager, Department of Internal Affairs***

As you can see, the Charities Services Newsletters are full of useful information and we recommend you to subscribe to them. [info@charities.govt.nz](mailto:info@charities.govt.nz)

**Charities Services Annual Meeting** will be held at the Fale O Samoa (Consulate General of Samoa) in Mangere, Auckland on 4th October 2018. If you're a registered charity and you would like to attend, [register here](#). Please note: registration numbers are limited.

## Incorporated Societies

We recommend that all PTAs are registered as an Incorporated Society. It is a protection for members. When a PTA/Parent Group becomes incorporated the society becomes a separate entity and therefore is liable for its own affairs – maybe debts.

Check on our website for information – if you are a member – or go to **societies.govt.nz** and find out all about it!!!



## NZPTA Executive

The exec are having their meeting in Christchurch on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Is there something that you think we need to know about, discuss or have a policy on?

Let us know – [president@nzpta.org.nz](mailto:president@nzpta.org.nz)

We are having a discussion on the education system at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. We'd be pleased if some of you would be interested in joining us. Again let us know [president@nzpta.org.nz](mailto:president@nzpta.org.nz)

I guess this is all for now, folks, so keep as warm and dry and you can and help someone else to be so too.

Holidays start on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> September and schools generally go back on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Have fun!!!

Cheers,

The Team – Sandra, Bex, Jen, Chrissy, Emma and Diane.



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