



Briefing Note: Attendance at the PPTA's National Māori Teacher's Conference, 11 July 2021

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Purpose of Report


You are providing a keynote address at the Post Primary Teacher's Association (PPTA) National Māori Teacher's Conference on 11 July 2021, hosted by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake. The conference theme is 'Tiakina Te Tāngata' and will focus on empowering Māori teachers and learners, Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi, and wellbeing.

This paper provides you with suggested speaking points, and information to support you during the Q&A session.


Proactive Release

We recommend that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you, with the information regarding industrial relations withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the OIA as release of this information could prejudice the Ministry's ability to carry out the negotiations.

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**


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Deputy Secretary, Māori Education

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Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education
(Māori Education)

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The Conference

1. You are attending the Post Primary Teacher's Association (PPTA) National Māori Teacher's Conference on 11 July 2021, hosted by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake (Te Huarahi). Te Huarahi is the national Māori body within the PPTA with responsibility for making decisions that impact Māori members.
2. The conference will be held at the Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie. The conference is scheduled to run from Sunday 11 July to Monday 12 July, followed by a morning excursion on Tuesday 13 July.
3. You are providing one of the keynote speeches on the opening day at 4.30pm on Sunday 11 July. You have a 30-minute time slot in total for your speech and Q&A session.
4. Other keynote speakers on the opening day include Che Wilson, Andrew Judd, and Joby Hopa. Māori Party MPs Rawiri Waititi and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer will be presenting the following day.
5. The conference is for Māori kaiako working across the curriculum, including guidance counsellors and transition teachers, teachers of Te Reo Māori and teachers involved in Māori medium education. There will be between 140-150 Māori kaiako attending the conference. Media are not invited.
6. You will be met on arrival (by 4.15pm) by the conference convenor, 9(2)(a) (Te Reo Māori me ona Tikanga, Māori Creative Trades Academy, Tikipunga High School), who will escort you to your seat. Her mobile number is 9(2)(a)

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Key messages and Speaking Points

11. The theme of this year's conference is 'Tiakina Te Tāngata - Looking After Yourself – Tihei Mauri Ora!' with a focus on empowering Māori teachers and learners, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and wellbeing.
12. Annex 1 includes key people to acknowledge and suggested speaking points for your opening address.
13. Your speaking points cover the following topics:
 - a. Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia, and Tau Mai Te Reo
 - b. Recent investments in Māori education
 - c. Updates on some Ministry work, including strengthening Māori-medium pathways and Tomorrow's Schools Reforms
14. Te Huarahi has indicated they are also interested in your personal reflections as a Minister and as an educator.
15. Annex 2 provides you with additional information to support you during the Q&A session, including:
 - a. Addressing racism in schools - Te Hurihanganui
 - b. White privilege
 - c. Refreshing the National Curriculum for Schooling
 - d. Teaching Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories
 - e. Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools System
 - f. Strengthening Māori Medium Education Pathways
 - g. Te Ahu o te Reo Māori
 - h. The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch
 - i. School Counselling
 - j. Support for the Education Workforce; and
 - k. Industrial Relations.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Speaking points
Annex 2: Questions and Answers