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Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Art Educators
Te Rūnanga Hautū Mātauranga Toi O Aotearoa

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FROM YOUR EXEC COMMITTEE

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TERM 4 2026

Whetoki mai, manawa mai e te ākunga houhare o te motu, tēnā koutou katoa.

We hope you are managing to get a bit of time to breath after folio submissions. This is a brief newsletter with a few updates about workshops and an invitation to let us know if you need support with phase 4 being implemented next year. Phase 5 is now published. Remember you do not have to have everything completed for phase 4 at the start of the year. You can be working towards this over the year.

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL COVER:

- **A tribute to Bronwyn Taylor**
- **Our petition**
- Curriculum Phase 4 and 5 communications
- Drop-in sessions
- ANZAAE/ NEX phase 4 workshops
- Conference 2027 update
- Connect email group for isolated and sole charge kaiako.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO BRONWYN TAYLOR

Last week we received the sad news that Bronwyn Taylor has died. A mana wahine who has had an enormous, incredibly positive impact on Art Education in Aotearoa. A phenomenal artist with a passion for drawing, sculpture, and the environment. Our thoughts are very much with her whānau and the many wonderful teachers who have been mentored by her.

Kai whea mai nei ēnei momo whetū i te ao, me rawa ake whetū e rere ana i te pō. Kai tōhoku mātanga Browyn, takahi te ara hukahuka ki ō tīpuna e kī ana ko te whare o te Pōhutukawa.
An influential individual who instilled confidence in those who aspired to do the same in the classroom.

He tūmatakōkiri i te ao, he tūmatakōkiri ia i te pō.
There once was an educator with magical flair,
Who sprinkled creativity through the air.
With a powerful spell and a mischievous grin,
She awakened the magic that lived deep within.
Turning student teachers into influencers of their time,
Long before hashtags and followers defined their shine.

No TikTok, no filters, no fortune or fame,
Just a creative spark that ignited a flame.
Her magic was believing in what others could be,
Unlocking young minds and setting ideas free.
For the greatest of spells she would ever impart,
Was the power of creativity, straight from the heart.

Nā mātou iti nei, nā





PHASE 5 Written exam

In our October newsletter we alerted you to the update from the Ministry of Education on the new Senior Secondary Qualifications. You can find it here on Tahūrangi: tahurangi.education.govt.nz/new-senior-secondary-qualifications

Under the new system, for all subjects **The assessment programme will include:**

- **a written examination**
- two or three non-examination assessments
- details of the modes/method of assessment.

For all subjects, achievement will be determined through one of two assessment weightings:

- 50% examination and 50% non-examination (coursework), or
- 25% examination and 75% non-examination (coursework)

We support assessment practices that recognise the unique nature of Visual Arts and other creative disciplines, where understanding is often demonstrated through practical, process-based, and visual forms of evidence.

In response we have begun a petition and a visual campaign we ask you to support as art educators. We are aiming to gain 20,000 signatures. Sign the petition here: https://shorturl.at/cMh9m

We also encourage you to JOIN IN ON OUR #makeartnotessays campaign!



We wish to thank the artists who have supported our campaign so far. We invite you to be involved by signing, the petition, sharing and then creating your own artwork that incorporates the words **MAKE ART NOT ESSAYS.** Share it on your social media platforms and tag us, your local MP, and share everywhere! We would love you to spread the message to as many communities as possible to amplify the conversation.

NEW CURRICULUM PHASE 4 & 5 updates

On 5 November, we were notified that the Government had gazetted the Education (The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa) National Curriculum Statement 2026. This formally establishes the updated Years 0-10 curriculum as secondary legislation under section 90 of the Education and Training Act 2020.
You can continue to access curriculum content, implementation guidance and supporting resources on Tāhūrangi https://tahurangi.education.govt.nz/years-0-10-curriculum

This statement in the new curriculum has been changed for year 9. Observing and responding p.35:

Use visual arts terminology to interpret artworks and communicate intention, and consider how materials, symbols, and presentation shape meaning. Share written and oral critiques that justify interpretations with visual evidence and contextual references.

It now reads: *Interpret artworks using visual arts terminology and visual evidence, and consider how materials, symbols, and presentation communicate meaning and intention.*

The Arts Phase 5 curriculum (Years 11-13) has been released and is available here

TERM 3 'DROP IN' DIGITAL KŌRERO

If you have questions or concerns about phase 4 or 5, or you are thinking about your planning you can join our drop in hui on **Thurday 19th November at 4.00pm.**
Each drop-in session runs for 30 mins and times will vary this term to allow as many as possible to join

Join any of the drop-in kōrero sessions using this link Passcode: ANZAAE

ANZAAE/ NEX PHASE 4 WORKSHOPS

We have a number of workshops scheduled this term with more likely to be added. These are primarily targeted to implentation for phase 4 2027 but there will be some kōrero about phase 5 for clarification.

East Waikato Jumbo day Friday 13th November at Morrinsville College. 9.00am -3.00pm
This is the area from Matamata, Morrinsville through to Mercury Bay Area School. Some wider Waikato kaiako may wish to join. You can email Elizabeth-Ross@morrcoll.school.nz or support@anzaae.nz

BOP. Hui Wednesday 18th November Te Puke High School. Two sessions 10.00 -12.30pm and 1.30 - 4.00pm to allow flexibility of attendance. There will be a focus on practical planning with exemplars.
BOP. Ministry of Education Arts HOD Hui /ANZAAE Tuesday 17th.November MOE building 1st Avenue Tauranga. This is to give Arts HODs a curriculum overview. ANZAAE will be working in a practical planning sharing session segment.

Southland Cluster Friday 20th November 1.00pm -3.00pm (or so) James Hargest College

CATA HUI Christchurch Tuesday 8th Decemer 9.00am -3.00pm Rangiruru Girls School. This all day workshop will include amazing practical workshops lead by some of our talented kaiako and kaiarahi.
From 3.00pm - 4.00pm there will be a celebration of Bronwyn Taylor and drinks/nibbles.

Marlborough hui Date and venue TBC

A CALL OUT FROM THE ANZAAE CONFERENCE TEAM

WE NEED YOUR EXPERTISE!
If you have experience in one or more areas and would like to make a contribution to our wider national community then please submit an abstract to present a short talk or presentation on a topic that inspires you OR run a workshop and inspire others to take their new skills back into their classrooms. Share the love everyone! We are putting the programme together just before Christmas so we need your abstracts submitted by the end of Term 4!!!
Click on the image to go to our conference page



SUPPORT and connect to isolated schools!

We will continue to give you updates as they come in. We really appreciate the amazing artists who have posted incredibly creative interpretations of our #makeartnotessays campaign. We do need heaps more signatures so this could be a chance to flex your art making muscles!
Please reach out if you have concerns about your 2027 planning if you need help. **For our sole charge and isolated schools who would like to be part of a connect group please email us at support@anzaae.nz to be added to an email group to help us to support one another.**
Have a great week and weekend when you get to it!

Arohanui,
The ANZAAE Team

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