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## Conferences

### 4 August

[SMS Demo Day, Chch](#)

Registrations close 1 August

### 21/22 August

[SchoolTech06, Chch](#)

### 24/25 August

[SchoolTech06, Wgtn](#)

### 29/30 August

[SchoolTech06, Akld](#)

### 25-27 Sept

[ULearn, Chch](#)

## SMS - who's using what?

We're regularly asked which SMS schools are choosing. Our website now holds a summary of the number of schools using each accredited website. [Click here to view.](#)

## Data sharing services

What extra services does your accredited SMS provide? Some now offer an early notification system - automatic texting, emailing and voice messages when your student is unexplained absent. Others are beginning work on the new electronic attendance registers. For a summary of all the services offered by accredited SMS vendors [click here.](#)

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## ENROL launch begins

ENROL launches in all secondary, intermediate and restricted composite schools in Term 3, 2006. Dates for the regional introductions are:

- **Auckland** the week of Monday 14 August to Thursday 24 August
- **Hamilton and Rotorua** the week of 28 August to Friday 1 September
- **Wellington and Whangarei** the week of Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September
- **Napier, Dunedin, Wanganui and Invercargill** the week of Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September

ENROL will be introduced in all other schools before the end of 2007. For more [click here.](#)

## Computerworld Excellence Award winners

Congratulations to the education winners at the Computerworld Excellence Awards:

- Pt England School for the Global Village - Judges' Choice for Best Value
- Samuel Marsden Collegiate School for handhelds in the classroom - Excellence in the use of IT in Education: Primary and Secondary.
- Mike Paine, New Zealand Qualifications Authority - CIO of the Year.

For more on the winners and finalists [click here](#).

## Learn-Now wins prestigious DEANZ award

Learn-Now, CORE Education's online learning programme for 7-14 year olds has won the prestigious Distance Education Association of New Zealand (DEANZ) Award for 2006. The Award is given biennially to promote and reward excellence in eLearning, distance, open and flexible learning. [Read more...](#)

## SMS decision making help

A reminder we have two seconded principals who can help school clusters with Student Management System (SMS) decision making. To request a meeting with either Carolyn Stuart (primary) or Rod Browning (secondary) [email us](#).

## Tell us how you have used learning objects

The Learning federation (TLF) is an exciting initiative of the governments of Australia and New Zealand. Thousands of items of curriculum content have been developed over the past three years in a range of learning areas including maths, science, literacy, the arts and learning languages.

Teachers who are using the content in classrooms with their students are again invited to share their experience by the end of August using these online survey tools:

- [Teacher survey](#)
- [Student survey](#)

Note, if you are not yet registered on Digistore, you can feedback or register by [clicking here](#).

Thanks too to those who provided data in 2005. To view the online Freebody report [click here](#).

## Electronic Attendance Registers need accredited SMS

Ministry of Education [Circular 2006/10](#) explains the new requirements for all schools using, or intending to use, an electronic attendance management system to manage student attendance and create electronic attendance registers.

Schools will need to be using an accredited Student Management System in order to use the new electronic attendance registers. For more [click here](#).

## To put student attendance in perspective...

Try imagining a school where the attendance levels were under 50% - and that was just for the teachers! 12 years ago, Millfields Community School in East London was a school with a bleak future. One new teacher however, decided to do something about it. Since then, Anna Hassan has turned it from a school with absent teachers, broken equipment and ants in the staffroom sugar jar, to a school with a waiting list of over 100 pupils. [Read more](#).

## 30 second survey

We're interested in identifying the most common financials packages used in New Zealand schools. Please note, we're talking about the package you use for your school management accounts - not what you use for day to day fees etc. If you use a bureau service there's an option for that too so please choose this button if this applies.

Thanks for your help.

School type

- Primary
- Intermediate
- Secondary
- Composite
- Special
- Other

Financials package

- No package - we use a bureau service
- AccPac
- Attache
- Cash Manager
- CBA
- Greentree
- IES Financial Management
- MUSAC Financial Manager
- MYOB
- NZA Gold
- Profax
- Prophet
- Quick Books
- Quicken NZ
- Solution6
- Sybiz

Other package - please tell us the name

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