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Electronic Attendance Registers seminars
Seminars are taking place in late Nov/early Dec in Invercargill, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. [Click here](#) to find out more and register.

Useful links from the SMS Project team
[SMS – who's using what?](#)
We're regularly asked which SMS schools are choosing. We've updated our website with up-to-date summary information of the number of schools using each accredited SMS.

[Customer satisfaction results.](#) We have gathered feedback from schools that have recently used Ministry funding to help them install an accredited SMS. Find out how each of the SMS vendors is performing according to their customers.

[Data sharing initiatives.](#)
The SMS vendors are busy developing new data sharing services in their SMS. Find out what data sharing services your accredited SMS provides and what each vendor is working on right now.

[eAR downloads.](#) If you can't make it to one of our eAR seminars in person, have a look at the downloads available,

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▶ [ENROL, the national enrolment register, is now operational in 463 schools across the country](#)

The Ministry of Education has completed the successful introduction of ENROL, the web-based national enrolment register into 463 schools across the country. The software was introduced progressively in a phased roll-out that began in Term 3 and completed in the first few weeks of Term 4 this year.

Besides holding student enrolment details, schools are notified by ENROL when they need to complete a notification to the Ministry of Education if a student of compulsory schooling age does not enrol in another school within 20 school days of leaving their previous school. The appropriate steps can be taken to find the student and help them into a school to continue their ongoing education.

including a podcast of the presentation and a copy of the powerpoint slides being used.

For help with ENROL

Please contact the e-Admin Contact Centre if you have a query about ENROL. Assistance will be provided directly or your call logged and forwarded to the appropriate unit to resolve.

Phone: 04 – 463 8383

Fax: 04 – 463 8374

Email:

e.admin@minedu.govt.nz

Hours of Support
Standard Hours of Support are: Monday to Friday (excluding Statutory Holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

After hours Support
Outside the standard hours of support, all enquiries may be left on voicemail, faxed or emailed.

Just over 1,200 users in schools were trained, with 90% of these users trained via web conferencing conducted online and the remainder in face-to-face sessions. The delivery of training was a crucial part of the Ministry's effort to make the introduction of ENROL as easy as possible for schools to incorporate into their normal operations and was received very favourably by schools.

ENROL enables non-enrolments to be identified more accurately and in a timely and consistent manner than was possible with the paper-based system.

Schools now have a better tool to monitor non-enrolments and a consistent means by which to record student movements, allowing for quicker response times in assisting these students in resuming their education.

A full evaluation on the effectiveness of ENROL will be conducted in mid 2007 when ENROL will have been used for more than eight months in intermediate, secondary and restricted composite schools.

We know that schools are keen for ENROL and their student management systems to be integrated to avoid duplicate data entry. We need to take a phased approach to this to manage risks associated with large IT projects.

When the National Student Number is assigned to all current students in ENROL, planned for 2008, the Ministry will have a unique identifier for each student that will allow for accurate integration between ENROL and schools' student management systems.

For more information on ENROL, [click here](#).



Primary Schools to get ENROL in 2007

All remaining 2,200 schools will be getting ENROL next year, placing all students' enrolment records within a central online database managed by the Ministry.

All Primary schools will be informed by mail when ENROL will be implemented in their school.



MUSAC withdrawing support for schools using Pupil Files

MUSAC recently confirmed they're withdrawing technical support for schools using MUSAC Pupil Files from December 2007. This means you won't be able to use Pupil Files to complete school roll returns from March 2008.

Schools using Pupil Files can choose to change to any Ministry-accredited Student Management System (SMS), including an option to upgrade to MUSAC Student/Classroom Manager.

For information about how to choose the best SMS, for updated customer satisfaction survey results or to find funding eligibility criteria [click here](#).



Final chance to meet with seconded principals

Carolyn Stuart and Rod Browning (experienced principals at primary and secondary schools) have

been working with the SMS team this year, meeting with schools and providing advice on how to choose the right SMS for your school.

Both Carolyn and Rod finish their work with the team at the end of this year so we recommend you take this final opportunity to meet with them and ask questions about what will work for your school.

If you'd like to request a meeting (or phone conversation) with either Carolyn or Rod please [email us](#) as soon as possible. Their services are offered to you free of charge.



e-asTTle Pilot

asTTle was first developed in 2000 as a CD-ROM package that enables teachers to create and analyse literacy and numeracy tests for years 5–10 and curriculum levels 2–6 in English and Te Reo. Since 2000, improved versions have been developed and launched.

e-asTTle will be a web-based version of asTTle. It will give teachers wider choices that will include:

- more options when creating tests
- students able to sit tests online
- computer marking of closed questions
- new reporting features

As part of the development process, schools (primary, intermediate and secondary) are currently being sought to pilot e-asTTle Reading in 2007. To be part of the pilot your school will be required to complete a range of activities. These may include administering the tests at a certain time and providing feedback to the developers online, and in focus groups.

If your school is interested in being part of the pilot or you would like further information about e-asTTle [click here](#).



What's the difference? EAR vs ENROL

With so many seminars on electronic attendance registers (eAR) and webinars on ENROL some schools have become a little confused. So, what exactly is the difference?

ENROL is the national enrolment register that schools use when students move between schools while eAR focuses on attendance of students while they are enrolled at one school.

ENROL replaces the paper based cards (E19/22A) and is compulsory for all schools to use (secondary, intermediate and restricted composites now and for all remaining school types by late 2007).

Schools are currently applying to Resourcing Division for permission to use an eAR from Term 1 2007 and by Term 1 2008 it will be the only alternative to the paper roll registers (E19/1), but remains optional.

For more details please see the presentations under the Download section at the bottom of [this web page](#).



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