A number of key issues and events will highlight 2016. These include the continuing focus on Teacher Education and implementation of the new requirements; Principals Health and Wellbeing; Curriculum implementation and monitoring; funding and support for students with disabilities; principal preparation and professional learning; My School website updates; NAPLAN Online; and, not least, the Trans-Tasman Conference in Auckland 31 May – 3 June.

A number of key issues are on the table as we open the school year. These include:

- **Principal Health and Wellbeing**
  This has gained additional media coverage and we will be hoping to work on a policy position that sets a path for action.

- **Teacher Education and Professional practice**
  AITSL has released the approved standards and requirements for Teacher Education providers. [http://www.aitsl.edu.au/initial-teacher-education/ite-reform/accreditation](http://www.aitsl.edu.au/initial-teacher-education/ite-reform/accreditation)

- **NAPLAN Online**
  We will continue the focus group that began meeting with representatives from ACARA. We will continue the communication of questions and concerns. This will be the year that State and Territory officers need to confirm if their jurisdiction will participate in NAPLAN Online in 2017.

- **Federal Election**
  We will see an increase in interest from all sides of politics on the key aspects of education policy. Our Board and NAC meetings will be used to clarify and confirm APPA’s position on the main policies.

- **Digital technologies and STEM Education**

- **Principal preparation**

A reminder about the APPA School Leadership Program will be sent out: Next Generation Principal. Please push, as applications need to be in by February 22. Information is on the website.