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No building taller. No salary greater.

In Ottawa, the tallest building in that beautiful city is the Canadian Parliament building. By local statute, no building is allowed to be taller. Thus, the most important building in the city stands out. It is the benchmark.

Here's a thought. What if the Prime Minister of New Zealand had the biggest salary and no one was allowed to earn more than him/her? So the PM's salary is the benchmark.

Thus, the boss of Telecom or TVNZ or Fonterra or Bloggs Bank must get a salary lower than the person who runs the whole country. After all, which is more difficult: running the whole show or running a small portion of it?

Prime Minister John Key's salary is NZ$393,000 pa.

US President Barack Obama's salary is US$400,000 pa.

Telecom CEO John Reynolds is paid $4,800,000 pa.

I can't speak for the others, but I find my job is mentally stimulating, so my salary is not my motivating force. Surely those other intelligent people don't work just for the money?

"But it's how they keep score" someone said. So is John Reynolds twelve times cleverer than the PM? No.

"It's the world market pay for top jobs." Clearly, it isn't. As the Steinlager man says on TV "Sometimes you just have to say NO!" Brian Morris Principal

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Lawrence Mitten, author and historian

Lawrence Mitten sent his recommendations to the Law Commission when they called for public assistance updating the War Pensions Act 1954. As an active member of Returned Services Association, Lawrence was in a special position to share his ideas and experience.

"The improvement in my writing and grammar is noticeable since I started the Editor and Proofreader course," he said. Lawrence has since graduated with Merit. "I have also proofread documents for a few RSA colleagues."

Lawrence has contributed a section in a book about the Otago Mounted Rifles Regiment which his grandfather belonged to.

It seems the world presents exciting new opportunities when we have the skills to handle them.

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Katherine Mansfield Award winner

The winner of the novice category was NZIBS student Karen Phillips, who is tutored by Joan Rosier-Jones who says:

"I am delighted Karen won this award, but not surprised. She has talent. My small part was to suggest she expand a story she wrote for Assignment #3 and submit it to the KM competition. It was a lovely story but too short at 500 words. So I suggested adding some description to enhance the setting and to have a longer lead in to the climax. The rest was up to Karen, and she did it!

Congratulations, Karen."

Link to Karen's short story = www.bnz.co.nz/binaries/2009-KMA-The-Visit-Novice.pdf

Link to judge Carl Nixon's comments = www.bnz.co.nz/binaries/2009-KMA-Judge-Report-Novice.pdf

If you want a copy of Karen's winning short story, ask the Registrar and Carol will post you a copy on paper.

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New courses planned for 2009 & 2010

We are busy preparing these new courses:

♦Romance Writing. ♦Fantasy Writing. ♦Life Coaching.

♦Short Story Writing. ♦Poetry. ♦Science Fiction.

♦Mystery / Murder / Crime / Suspense / Thriller stories.

If you have an interest in these extension courses, please email your interest to: **registrar@nzibs.co.nz**

Information will then be sent automatically when the one you want is available, with start dates and course fees etc. But that information is not ready yet.

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'Say it in six words' competition is on the Student Discussion Forum. What title would you give a new newsletter for **Watchmakers**? (Hey, every industry or group needs a newsletter for communicating news to its members.)

There are fresh competitions every month, including **photography** competitions. Proofreading Bloopers competition is back. Write one sentence (any length) which says it all – about any topic. Write 'the first 100 words of your novel' competition. There are lots of reasons to ENJOY your studentship with the New Zealand Institute of Business Studies. Let's all make it an enjoyable learning experience. Group participation is the key. Multiple entries encouraged.

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Student Discussion Board

Think of SDB as your Student Common Room. **How to log in** is described IN DETAIL in your *Student Handbook*, page 11. Folks, keeping viruses and electronic nasties off the SDB is a constant task. We've had to install a