



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 05 February 2018

Kia ora,

Firstly – a very happy New Year, and welcome to the first bulletin for 2018.



For your team, like ours, there is a significant amount of work that happens before students begin on day one of a new school year. This year has been no different, with a very busy start so far. It has been a really exciting time for Waitaha School who began the year on their new school site. Cashmere High School, Kaiapoi North and Kaiapoi High School have celebrated the start of the 2018 year with blessings and openings of their new buildings.

Image: The Mayor of Waimakariri David Ayers is assisted by students as he officially opened one of the new buildings at Kaiapoi North School.

At the end of 2017 learning support students from Geraldine High School launched their book "I'm Going Home for Christmas". This was a wonderful celebration of the achievements of the students in the art-based course. It tells the story of zoo animals going back to their home countries for Christmas and is designed for early readers. At the launch students gave a presentation showcasing what they achieved.



Image: Learning Support Students from Geraldine High School launched their book.

Geraldine High School art teacher Mike Deavoll said "This very talented group of students have brought great enthusiasm and joy into their experience of learning, and provided me with some of the most joyful and memorable teaching experiences of my career." Mike intends to continue the learning done during 2017 with his new group of learning support students in 2018. "It would be great to continue the teaching methods trialled last year into this year's learning programmes."



Also at the end of 2017 a new resource: *Teaching for Positive Behaviour* was published. We at the Christchurch office had the privilege to launch *Teaching for Positive Behaviour* and we were delighted to celebrate this with author Dr Tracy Rohan, who is also our colleague in the Christchurch office. This resource is designed to support teachers in New Zealand primary and secondary schools to understand and draw on effective practices to enhance students' behaviour, engagement, participation, and learning. Congratulations Tracy, this resource speaks directly to teachers and is a must read for all.

[You can download the manual here as well as other resources.](#)

Our Christchurch office have been supporting the NZ blood service for some time now. We have joined Team Red, a new initiative encouraging more staff from businesses and organisations to donate blood. It has also been an incredible opportunity for us to get together with our workmates to donate blood to those in need. [Find out more about Team Red](#)

Student Communication and Safe Practices Trust - Protecting and empowering youth

We are all aware of the importance of cyber safety and a recent article '[Timaru teen helping education youth on safe cyber choices](#)' highlights the importance of safe cyber choices. The [Student Communication and Safe Practices Charitable Trust website](#) has a number of comprehensive and accessible innovative E-learning resources for teachers and students.

Ashburton District Council Community Award Recipients

At the end of 2017 the Board of Trustees for the Our Lady of the Snows School was acknowledged at the Ashburton District Council Community Awards. They worked tirelessly during the past 18 months to rebuild the school, after a very challenging three-year period. The annual awards recognise the contributions and achievements of individuals and organisations in the Ashburton District.

The Friends of the School also won the Educational & Child Youth Development: Improve and enhance the education of the community, or the educational or social development of children and youth Award earlier in 2017.

Waitaha School opening

Waitaha School's new \$6.5 million base school on the Lemonwood Grove site allows for collaborative teaching practices and sharing of facilities with Lemonwood Grove School.

Waitaha School is Stage two of the Innovation Project. Stage one was Lemonwood Grove School, where we worked with the local construction market to find ways to improve the design and construction of schools in Canterbury.

Image: Sonny Sun - Ministry of Education Property Manager, Margaret Dodds, - Principal, Ethan Hamilton-Currey (past student), Coralanne Child - Director of Education Canterbury



Getting help for students with special needs from the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service

Teachers from the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service (Outreach Service) can travel to schools in their local areas to support students in the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS). To get support, the students must be enrolled in their local school and with the Outreach Service.

A specialist teacher works as part of the student's support team, which includes their class teachers, special education staff, support staff and family or whānau.

[Read more information about the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service](#)

Kaiapoi High School

We were delighted to attend the blessing of the new buildings at Kaiapoi High School. Thank you so much to Destiny and Karl for showing us around, it was great to hear how involved the students were in the process. Congratulations to everyone involved in the project.

[Read about how Kaiapoi High School unveiled its new multi-million dollar facilities to the community](#)

Image: Susan Schneideman, Ministry of Education - Manger Learning Support, Destiny Robson - Head Girl, Bruce Kearney - Principal, Karl Meyers - Head Boy, Coralanne Child - Director of Education Canterbury



Upcoming Events

Workshop: Health Promoting Schools - Practical ideas for designing and implementing a staff wellbeing programme in your school.

Date and Time: Wednesday 28 February 2018, from 9 to 11.30am.
Location: Christchurch Bridge Club (21 Nova Place, Christchurch Central).

Please register for this workshop by Wednesday 21 February 2018.

[Download the flyer on this Staff Wellbeing Workshop for teachers.](#)

The Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards

These Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements in early learning, primary and secondary schooling.

You can submit your entry now. Entries close at 5pm, Friday 23 March 2018.

[Here are some tools to help you start your entry](#)

Grow Waitaha Events Update

Grow Waitaha makes a range of free events available to the community, including workshops, forums and communities of practice.

They are holding the following workshops in March:

Authentic Curriculum Redesign: Thursday 22 March, 2018, 4.00-6.00pm

Are you reviewing or redesigning your curriculum? This forum maybe of interest to you. Please register your interest on the website below.

Leadership Incubator: Monday 26 March, 2018. (Session 1 of 4)

The 2018 Incubator is open to senior and middle leaders in primary and secondary schools and/or Kāhui Ako lead principals, cross school and in-school leadership/teaching roles. Please register your interest by February 14 on the website below.

Growing Inclusion: Maximising Opportunities for all learners. Tuesday 27 March, 2018, 1.30-4.30pm

Join with fellow educators to design learning experiences based on research that are truly inclusive of all learners and that maximise learning for every student.

Attendance is free for all schools in the Greater Christchurch area, whether they are engaged in the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme or not.

[Read more information about and register for the events above](#)

Autism Education and Training

Autism New Zealand Inc. provides training programmes for a variety of participants to provide support, resources and information on autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to those individuals with ASD, their family/whānau, caregivers and any professionals working with or coming into contact with them.

Please [visit the Autism NZ website](#) to see the full list of dates for the programmes in 2018.

PLD information for primary teachers in the Health and Physical Education Learning Area

This workshop is about connecting with contexts, concepts and colleagues to strengthen practice within the key area of learning in Health and Physical Education (HPE) through health education, food and nutrition and/or outdoor education/camp/EOTC in year 0-8.

Date and time: 9 March 9.30am-3.30pm

[You can find more information and registration details here](#)

Future of Learning 2018

The Future of Learning is a series of experiences that explore how exponential technologies will impact on all aspects of learning.

[The Future of Learning website](#) has more information on opportunities to come together with like minds from different sectors, backgrounds and generations.

Update from Canterbury Education Infrastructure Team

Christchurch City Council – Civil Defence Centres

A number of you may have received correspondence from Christchurch City Council concerning the removal of the Sector Post role for Christchurch State primary schools. Follow up letters and emails are expected to be sent out to all affected schools this month.

This is part of the Council's plan to replace the Sector Posts with Civil Defence Centres (formerly known as Welfare Centres). Christchurch City Council have identified 20 sites for these around Christchurch. They will be opened based on the size, scale and location of the emergency event.

Council hope this will provide a better reactionary service to communities, while also allowing schools to return to operation much more quickly after an event than has happened in the past.

The Council have already begun removing signs from around schools.

Receiving information from the Ministry

We strive to get important Ministry updates to you in a timely manner, including the most current information, ministerial announcements or news. At the end of the year we provided information to you on National Standards. This was sent after the last bulletin and also included a number of attached documents to assist all schools. If you would like this resent to you please get in touch with your education adviser.



As well as receiving information through our fortnightly bulletin, or directly from our regional team you can also keep up to date through the [changes in education page on our website](#). This includes information across a number of areas of education policy and practice. The intent of this is to have a space on the website that provides you with information easily and quickly.

Please do not hesitate us if you wish to discuss an ideas or issues. You can call me on 03 378 7345, 0274200251 or email me at Coralanne.child@education.govt.nz I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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