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Kia ora,

I was delighted to celebrate with Craighead Diocesan School in Timaru the completion of their gymnasium, library, teaching spaces, hard courts and car park area. The team did an amazing job during construction to ensure the focus remained on teaching and learning throughout the redevelopment journey. You must be all very proud of what has been achieved, congratulations.

Christchurch Girls' High School officially opened their Performing Arts Centre and were honoured to have Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM, QSO attending. The performing arts centre marks a new chapter in your history and I congratulate everyone involved this project.

Two special awards ceremonies were held in Christchurch and Timaru to honour staff for their years of service and celebrate the loyalty and commitment of four of our longest serving team members recognised for 30 – 52 years of service.

In Christchurch we celebrated the significant contribution of 65 staff members who between them have provided 1207 years of service to education and the seven staff from our Timaru team were recognised for 104 combined years of service.

Ministry of Education staff work hand-in-hand with the political leadership and the children, young people, whānau, early learning services, principals, teachers and board of trustees in Canterbury.

To serve means you are part of something larger than yourself, that you are making a contribution that leaves behind a better system or service than you found it. The challenge is to continue to do everything to support the next generation of New Zealanders.

That is what the Ministry of Education is about, and that is why education is such an important part of the public service.



Bill Pullar, Anne Gibbs, Kate McNabb, Peter Fenwick

Oaklands School

As part of Bullying-Free NZ Week, Oaklands School's focus has been on teaching kindness to prevent bullying.

The school had a variety of fun events and activities to support kindness. You can read about the work Oaklands School has been doing to reduce bullying on the [Education website](#).



Oaklands School Pink Shirt Day – Stand up photo

Hoon Hay School

A total of 15 finalists have been selected from 127 entries for this year's Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards. Their entries successfully demonstrated excellent education practices that support student achievement.

Congratulations to Hoon Hay School who is a finalist in the Excellence in Teaching and Learning category.

You can find out more about what this year's finalists have achieved by heading to the [Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards website](#).

Upcoming Events

Grow Waitaha - Central City Roadshow

Teachers supporting teachers in meaningful and practical ways.

A group of passionate teachers and leaders will be opening up their schools to share strategies for teaching and learning around the kaupapa of collaborative practice, authentic curriculum and authentic student engagement.

Join the roadshow to engage in practical and hands on strategies you can adapt and most importantly have the time to explore and learn with other passionate teachers.

Over the year, the Grow Waitaha roadshow will be visiting North, South, East and West Canterbury in order to really meet the needs of our Canterbury community.

Date: 21 Jun 2018

Time: 3:45-5:00pm

Venue: Paparoa Street School, Paparoa Street, Papanui, Christchurch

[To register please click here](#)

The [Grow Waitaha website](#) is regularly updated with exciting free events and new resources.

Education Leaders Forum 2018

The Education Leaders Forum (ELF) is an annual forum for Education Leaders across New Zealand. The theme for this year's forum is 'valuing educators – revaluing education' and will be held on 8 and 9 August 2018 in Rotorua. It is for education leaders and aspiring leaders from across the learning spectrum from early childhood to tertiary education.

See more on [ELF18 website](#) for an overview, guest speakers and registration details.

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

Mana Ake is about early intervention to help address mild to moderate mental health issues for our children. It is also intending to improve communication and collaboration across the health and education pastoral support system.

This will help to ensure children and whānau get the support they need when they need it and free up capacity for children who exhibit high mental health needs to be seen by the right person/people at the right time.

The [CCN website](#) has the latest Mana Ake developments and you can sign up to the mailing list to be kept up to date.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues. You can always call me on 03 378 7345, 0274 200 251 or [email](#) me, I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

Coralanne Child

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