



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 07 May 2018

### Kia ora,

During the break we celebrated our first year in our new building. It has been an incredible year filled with highlights, successes, adventures, hosting and many opportunities to connect with each other. Thank you all for being part of it.

At the end of Term 1, Graeme Daniel retired. Graeme had been Principal of Allenvale School for 10 years, and made a tremendous contribution to education. We sincerely appreciate the level of service he devoted to shaping and strengthening Allenvale School and its students. The school said 'goodbye' to Graeme at their end of term assembly.

I had the pleasure of attending the Positive Education New Zealand Conference in Christchurch and it was great to see so many of you there working together to promote and develop sustainable wellbeing strategies that support education.

We know that student wellbeing is closely linked to learning and this is why our systems, people and initiatives need to respond to wellbeing concerns of students and help young people's capacity to cope with changes and challenges throughout their lives.

We continue to focus on working collaboratively with other agencies and part of this includes discussions on community wellbeing and more recently police response times. The NZ Police continually assess incidents in terms of risk and the need of an immediate response. I have included a [school guide of when to call NZ Police](#) that outlines different incidents and when to call the police.

### Gilberthorpe School

A considerable amount of work and planning takes place before and during a redevelopment and I was delighted to celebrate the completion of new spaces at Gilberthorpe School with staff and students.

Students shared their journey and their excitement of having fantastic new spaces and the difference this will make to teaching and learning at their school. After the formal proceedings guests were invited to share a hangi with the school staff and students. A fantastic day that was celebrated by many.



## Mental Health Support in Schools - Update

On Monday 1 May 2018, the Minister of Health announced seven mental health professionals have begun working in schools in East and West Christchurch as part of the Mental Health in Schools Initiative, now known as 'Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow'. The first workers went live in Tamai and Hornby Kāhui Ako (Communities of Learning) meaning schools in the East of Christchurch and Hornby will be able to access additional wellbeing support for children and their whanau from today.

We have been working collaboratively with the CDHB, Ministry of Health and a wide range of other organisations under the Canterbury Clinical Network to reach this point and will continue to work towards full implementation of 'Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow' across Canterbury and Kaikoura schools by July 2019.

Information will be updated on the [Canterbury Clinical Network website](#) on a regular basis.

## Bullying-Free NZ Week 2018

New Zealand's annual nationwide Bullying-Free NZ Week starts on Monday 14 May, ending on Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day on Friday 18 May.

The 2018 free [School Activity Pack](#) is available on the [Bullying-Free NZ Website](#). The pack provides lots of classroom activities and practical ways for schools to support a better understanding of and commitment to a bullying-free environment – great for the whole school community.

## Future of Learning – early bird rate

The Future of Learning Conference is a one-day event providing the community, business leaders, educators and youth with the opportunity to explore some of the changes anticipated in the future of learning.

The conference will be held on **Monday 9 July 2018** and is open to all, as learning encompasses all ages, all organisations and all contexts.

A speaker from Knowledgeworks will open the conference and each speaker will link back to the way in which technology contributes to the future of learning from a human perspective.

Future of Learning Conference early bird closed on May 1, however please contact Cheryl Doig at [c.doig@thinkbeyond.co.nz](mailto:c.doig@thinkbeyond.co.nz) for the early bird rate as this has been extended.

See the [full programme](#), including list of speakers, masterclasses and registration details here.

## StudySpy

Early this year [StudySpy](#), a tertiary course comparison site for students considering their study options, was launched. The website helps school-leavers to look at what tertiary course might be right for them. [Read more about the launch and the original idea and development.](#)

## Master Planning and the Design Phase

Schools who have submitted their Education Brief and are entering the Master Planning and the Design Phases of their property projects are welcome to join us for this forum. You will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with:

- Mana Whenua facilitators
- the Ministry of Education Property Team;
- the Grow Waitaha Transformation Advisor; and
- Principals who have been through their own property development project; Gavin Burns (Cashmere Primary) and Bruce Kearney (Kaiapoi High School)

We look forward to sharing a range of resources to support you and your school as well as outlining different ways your Grow Waitaha navigators and Mana Whenua Facilitators can help you. [To register please click here](#)

Date: Thursday 31 May 2018

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Venue: Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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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

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