



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 13 August 2018

Kia ora,

What a busy couple of weeks in Canterbury!

It was a privilege to host the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins in Christchurch recently. The Minister officially opened Hornby High School's new building, met with representatives from Mana Ake, visited Seedlings Early Learning Centre, Knights Stream Park, turned the sod at Oaklands School to mark the start of their redevelopment, and met with principal association chairs.



Image: Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, Kylie Morgan, Director Seedlings Early Learning Centres, talking with children

Thank you to those who gave their time to take part in the regional visit by members of the Tomorrow's Schools Review taskforce panel. The Taskforce is due to report back to the Minister in November 2018. Its recommendations will form the basis for further public consultation in 2019. The review of Tomorrow's Schools is part of the Government's [education work programme](#), announced in February.

Congratulations to all of the performers who took part in Showquest held in Christchurch on Tuesday 31 July at the Horncastle Arena. It was great to see such amazing talent on stage, what an impressive line up from our schools. Showquest is the new music, dance and drama event for schools and a national online final will name the top entry nationwide in September.

I also had the pleasure of being at the launch of 'Skylight' in Wellington. Skylight is a national not-for-profit trust that supports children, young people and their whānau to navigate tough times by building resilient individuals and communities. You can find out more on their [website](#).

Guidance for 2019 Charters and planning and reporting

Guidance for boards on planning and reporting for 2019 is now available on the [Education website](#). The guidance has been developed with the New Zealand School Trustees Association and the Education Review Office.

The 2019 charter provides a good opportunity for boards to consult widely with their communities and students, and reflect on their application of the strategic planning process, given it could be their first strategic plan.

sPACIFICally PACIFIC (sPACPAC) Collective honoured

For the last 18 years sPACPAC has worked tirelessly with our Christchurch secondary schools and Pacific communities to use Pacific identities, languages and cultures to raise Pacific student aspirations and achievement.

The sPACPAC Collective has been acknowledged at a ceremony with Pasifika Youth Leadership and Transformation (PYLAT) and the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM, QSO, Governor General of NZ.



Image: Dame Patsy and Sir David with award winners at the PYLAT ceremony

sPACPAC have worked tirelessly for Pacific people in Christchurch for many years by giving young people a chance to celebrate culture, education, business, success, and so much more. PYLAT is a charitable trust based in Christchurch who work with young Pacific people to improving outcomes for our community, with a specific focus on achieving this by getting young people involved in democracy, society, and decision making.

Congratulations to everyone, it is wonderful to see your collective mahi being recognised and it also highlights the great results of organisations and agencies valuing Pacific success for children and young people.

Hornby High School

Education Minister Chris Hipkins was at Hornby High School this month to officially open their new buildings.

Stage one of their \$26 million redevelopment has been a significant undertaking by the school with 90 per cent of their existing school buildings being demolished and replaced with 45 new teaching spaces and modern facilities.

Students and staff have been enjoying their fantastic new facilities since the start of this term with the gymnasium, administration and technology block first to be operational. Stage two will include the new west block and is due for completion in mid-2019.



Image: Hon Chris Hipkins unveiling the plaque at Hornby High School

Oaklands School

Education Minister Chris Hipkins joined Oaklands School to celebrate the start of their redevelopment and marked the milestone with a sod-turning ceremony.

The redevelopment will include the construction of three new buildings including teaching and admin areas. The school hall and six buildings are also being refurbished and 11 of the existing school buildings will be demolished.

The school will remain in full operation during this time, with the construction being staged to ensure minimal disruption for the students.



Image: Students of Oaklands School assisting the, Hon Chris Hipkins at their sod turning ceremony

Linwood North School

Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy, staff and students celebrated the opening of Linwood North School's new hall.



Image: Councillor for Central Ward, Deon Swiggs, Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Principal Sandra Smith, Dame Patsy, Sir David, Board Chairperson Fraser Kearse, Ministry of Education Fuetanoa Kose Seinafo

A considerable amount of work was done by so many people to ensure the successful completion of their new hall.

Well done to principal Sandra Smith, your board and staff. It is great for you to have a new hall where you and your community can gather and continue your journey together.

You can find more images from the official opening of the schools new hall on the [website for the Governor General](#).

Education Gazette

Heritage cements value into school build

Students and teachers shared their rebuild journey with the Education Gazette and talked about what having fantastic new spaces means to them and the difference it is making to their learning.

New School build provides safe spaces for students to work and play

Halswell Residential College takes every opportunity to deliver quality education to their students and their redevelopment is strengthening the school's ability to support their needs.

Our collective gift to Tonga

I want to thank you for your amazing support to the schools in Tonga.

Schools in Tonga faced huge challenges following the cyclones and in particular many were in desperate need of school furniture. The support from Canterbury schools was enormous, and it was with great appreciation that the Ministry of Education and Training in Tonga received the much needed supplies recently.

The Ministry of Education and Training in Tonga are very grateful of how quickly we rallied to bring together supplies for their schools. Our support has made their challenging time a little easier and made a huge difference to the schools in Tonga.

We worked alongside NZ Foreign Affairs and Trade, and while they did not have the capacity to accept all items, knowing they had so much support from our region and that our schools made this a priority was really appreciated.

From our own experiences we know how livelihoods are affected for a long time to come and I wish to thank you for making it possible for us to support the schools in Tonga.

Our thanks to the staff who took time to support this happening, your enthusiasm for this has clearly meant a lot to others. I am sure the people of Tonga, especially teachers and students, will make the most of the furniture provided.

Please see link to an article in the [local Tonga newspaper](#)

Grow Waitaha Update

Communicating with Community

For schools wanting to provide clear messaging to their school communities regarding the changes happening in schools.

Date: 23 Aug 2018

Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford Street, Conference Room - Ground floor

[Click here to register](#)

Effective change leadership for teachers, principals and Boards of Trustees

Grow Waitaha has recently released a set of [three guides](#) that focus on supporting schools to lead and sustain successful change initiatives. This forum, will provide an overview of each of the guides, and will discuss aspects of the guides in more depth.

Date: 04 Sep 2018

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford Street, Ground floor conference room

[Click here to register](#)

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow Update

Representatives from Mana Ake including workers and principals from Te Uru Manuka Kāhui Ako had the opportunity to meet Education Minister Chris Hipkins recently to update him on the initiative.

There was a Mana Ake story on Stuff recently and you can read it on their website [here](#)

Updated messages and more information is available on the [CCN website](#)

Redcliffs School

Redcliffs School staff and students visited the archaeological dig at the site of the new Redcliffs School.

The site is of particular archaeological interest as it is the site of some of the earliest known occupation of the South Island by early Māori.



The Ministry is working closely with local Iwi representatives, Heritage New Zealand and Archaeologist teams to ensure that the necessary protocols are followed.

The excavation is currently at a depth of 20 to 30 cm and discoveries include adze heads, Moa Bones, and dog bones estimated to be 800 years old.

Interesting Fact

Year 1 - are we seeing the beginning of roll reduction in Christchurch?

Yes. The Year 1 roll at Christchurch Schools peaked at 4426 in 2013, and declined each year to 4280 in 2017. However, the total Year 1-6 roll has continued to increase due to:

- a) Growth within cohorts (likely due to families moving to Christchurch), and
- b) The exit of small cohorts at higher year levels and entry of larger cohorts at Year 1.

2017 was the first year since 2011 in which the Year 1 roll was less than the Year 6 roll.

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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