

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

It has been a year since the November 14 quake caused wide spread damage in North Canterbury and to our neighboring regions. Thank you to those who provided care and support to our schools, which was really appreciated by them during such a difficult time.

It was wonderful to officially welcome you to our new building. The official opening was a great opportunity to bring principals, board chairs and Ministry staff together and to have a tour of the building. At the opening, the team from Otakaro Ltd presented some exciting projects they are working on to introduce children back to the CBD through learning and experiences and shared the principles and values behind the projects.

During the year we have had many great opportunities to host visitors from around the country, including our colleagues from national office. Recently we had the pleasure of hosting Morag Allan and Tony Turnock, both from Sector Enablement and Support, who lead the ongoing mahi of Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako.

Thank you to our Rolleston principals, who took time out of their busy schedules to showcase their collective, collaborative leadership and teaching practice. The visits gave our national colleagues a taste of how Rolleston and Selwyn are shaping education and what this could add to Kāhui Ako. Our national colleagues said the visit was “informative, useful and really has us thinking about some future design aspects moving forward.” Again, thank you to our principals - we really appreciate your support with hosting visitors.

The principal of Cashmere High School, Mark Wilson, has been awarded a Woolf-Fisher fellowship. This prestigious honour is awarded to outstanding school principals, enabling them to take a period of time for overseas travel and study. Congratulations Mark on this well-deserved recognition.

As we all know, each week is never the same and when there are challenges we are here to support you, so please do not hesitate to contact us at any time for advice and guidance.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



Building a new and better future for education and for the community.

Prevention and minimising the likelihood of restraint - two training workshops

I'm sure you will all know by now that the Education Act 1989 bans the use of seclusion in schools, early childhood services and ngā kōhanga reo. The Act also creates a legal framework for the use of physical restraint in schools. You can read some more about these changes, in particular the requirement regarding restraint, in [this factsheet on the Education Act changes](#)

In Canterbury, we are working with schools to support you with the changes to the Education Act including two training workshops:

1. Understanding Behaviour Responding Safely (UBRS)

This workshop is designed to be delivered to all school staff including teacher assistants and aides. Ideally, it is presented in a one day-long training session but it can be done in shortened module sessions.

This can be on your school site or at our training space at our new building, Te Uriti, in Hereford Street.

2. Physical Intervention/Restraint Training

We know that even with some of the best de-escalation and management practices in place, there may be times when in order to maintain the health and safety of students some form of restraint is required.

If after completing the UBRS workshop, you feel some of your staff need some restraint training for a specific student, we can work with them and the team around the student to provide this.

We would ensure the practices that this training promotes are closely linked to the child's individual plan. UBRS training for all staff is a prerequisite for restraint training.

Resources

We suggest you, your staff and board of trustees familiarise yourselves with the guidelines put in place to support the changes. The new (Sept 2017) statutory guideline replaces the document circulated last year.

- Education Act: [139AC Limits on the use of physical restraint in schools](#)
- Education ([Physical Restraint](#)) rules 2017
- Guidelines for Registered Schools in NZ on the [Use of Physical Restraint](#)



Creating an education network that inspires children to reach their full potential.

Fostering a sense of identity

A recent trip to Rarotonga gave a group of Shirley Boys' High School students an increased sense of cultural identity as citizens of the Pacific.

[Read the story in the Education Gazette that showcases their trip](#)

2017 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

The 2017 regional recipients of the 2017 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEITA) have been announced. This year ASG received almost 200 nominations for the awards and from these nominations, 18 were selected from across New Zealand.

The six regional recipients from Canterbury are:

- [Laura Highfield](#), Kindercare Strickland Street, Christchurch
- [Helen Peters](#), Kidsfirst Kindertartens Beckenham, Christchurch
- [Robyn Drummond](#), Ōpāwa School, Christchurch
- [Nigel Eames](#), Paparua Street School, Christchurch
- [Linda Chong](#), St Margaret's School, Christchurch
- [Glenys Parry](#), Craighead Diocesan School, Timaru

These awards provide communities with the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers and leaders.

South Canterbury

I had the pleasure of spending the day in South Canterbury early in November. It was a great opportunity to connect and more importantly hear about the fantastic work you all do. By listening to the work you do, we are better able to work with you on important issues and ensure we are able to provide essential and valuable services every day.

Being in education is an amazing and rewarding job and I applaud you for your tremendous contributions; I sincerely appreciate the wide variety and huge number of responsibilities you all have. Again, I thank you for the work you do leading and inspiring teachers and for your work with parents and the community in providing our students with support to realise their talents. It is greatly appreciated.

Letter from St John in regards to their proposed changes to the ambulance service



Improvements to the 111 service in the Southern, South Canterbury, West Coast and Canterbury DHB areas

If you need an ambulance urgently, we'll get one to you as soon as possible. If you don't need an ambulance, we'll find the best treatment for you. We'll do that by having an experienced St John nurse or paramedic call you back and perform a detailed telephone assessment. We call this the 111 Clinical Hub.

Will I get an ambulance if we call for an incident involving a student or staff member?

If the incident is urgent or potentially life-threatening, the closest ambulance will be sent as soon as possible. Only in non-urgent situations will we assess whether there may be a better care option, in which case a St John nurse or paramedic will call you back to provide expert advice and recommend a plan. The 111 Clinical Hub launched in Auckland over three years ago and now operates throughout most of New Zealand. For a video on what happens when you call 111 and frequently asked questions involving the 111 Clinical Hub please click [HERE](#).

When does the 111 Clinical Hub launch in the Southern, South Canterbury, West Coast and Canterbury DHB areas?

The 111 Clinical Hub launches in the following new areas during December:

- ✓ **Canterbury DHB area** covering the area Kaikoura in the north to Ashburton in the south.
- ✓ **Southern DHB area** covering the area from the Waitaki River down to Stewart Island.
- ✓ **South Canterbury DHB area** covering the area including Timaru, Temuka, Fairlie, Geraldine and Mount Cook.
- ✓ **West Coast DHB area** covering the area of Karamea in the north down to Haast in the south.

Why are we implementing the 111 Clinical Hub?

The Clinical Hub enables St John to provide the right care at the right time to 111 callers who may not require an ambulance, through a professional clinical telephone assessment.

This helps reduce the volume of non-urgent presentations at emergency departments where safe and appropriate, while also freeing up ambulances to respond to those patients who do require a time-critical response.

If you have any questions that can't be answered by visiting the St John website above, please contact St John National Patient Pathways Manager, Kris Gagliardi by emailing krisga@stjohn.org.nz. Remember to always call 111 in an emergency.