



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 21 May 2018

**Kia ora,**

I attended the Education Summit in Christchurch with more than 800 incredibly engaged people working together to develop a vision for the future of education. The diversity of attendees was certainly one of the many strengths of the summit. A highlight for me was listening to students and seeing the significant contribution they made over the two days. Responses to the online survey continue to grow, with more than 10,000 survey responses completed to date.

I encourage you all to have your say and share the link to the Kōrero with others – [conversation.education.govt.nz](http://conversation.education.govt.nz) Over the course of the next few months I will keep you posted on developments.

A lot of hard work goes into our schools' redevelopments and over the past fortnight I had the privilege to celebrate with Southbrook and Bishopdale Schools. Southbrook School celebrated the completion of their redevelopment and opened their new and exciting teaching spaces. Bishopdale School marked the start of construction with a sod turning ceremony. Congratulations to everyone involved in these projects, it was wonderful to celebrate with you.

The theme of the third Delving Deeper Conference held in May and run by the three Canterbury Principal Associations in partnership with us and Grow Waitaha was 'Engaging students'. Over 270 participants attended the conference including 60 presenters who shared with their peers over four sessions. I look forward to a possible fourth Delving Deeper conference in 2019. Congratulations to all involved.

It is great to be given the opportunity to meet with the sector and outline some of the key matters we are dealing with and to give an overview of the work we are doing. This also ensures I can get feedback from you as we work to support your needs. I recently had the pleasure to attend the NZSTA South and Mid Canterbury Hui in Timaru to give an update and talk with members who had come together to share experiences and learn from each other. Thank you for the opportunity to attend.

### **Geraldine Primary – Education Gazette story**

Geraldine Primary School had been teaching its students about gardening for quite some time before it won Soil, Food and Society's Edible Garden Competition.

The Edible Garden Competition aims to encourage curriculum-based learning by letting students get their hands dirty. [Read more about Geraldine Primary's win in the Edible Garden Competition.](#)

## Income Equity for Māori

Tokona Te Raki has recently released [Change Agenda: Income Equity for Māori](#)

This report shows how Māori success is key to unlocking future prosperity for all. Realising that potential will also require significant shifts in policy, practice and values for us to collectively re-wire our system for Māori success.

[Tokona Te Raki](#) is a Ngāi Tahu-led collaborative established to increase Māori participation, success and progression in education and employment outcomes.

## Email Scam

We have been alerted that a school has recently been targeted by a sophisticated email scam. The school received an email that appeared to have come from the principal's correct email address and to the receiver, it certainly appears to have come from the principal.

Scammers take time to research their targets so that their scam is more plausible including using names of people at your school (eg principal), or the email could appear to be sent from businesses you use or organisations that you regularly work with; using technical tools to increase their credibility, and requesting a payment that is likely to arise in a school setting.

The school realised it was a scam but this is a reminder to follow your internal control procedures when authorising payments or releasing banking information and to validate the original source documents.

You can report any online safety and security incident to [Netsafe](#)

## Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow Update

The Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow initiative supports the wellbeing of children living with the legacy of earthquakes across greater Christchurch, the Hurunui and Kaikoura.

You can get key contact information, updates from meetings and the most up to date key messages on the [Canterbury Clinical Network website](#). You can also [subscribe to Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow updates](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Grow Waitaha events update

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

## The Education Hub

The [Education Hub](#) has a mission to bridge the gap between research and practice in education. The [Education Hub hosts regular events](#) to facilitate the sharing of ideas, the building of new knowledge and expertise, and the creation of new relationships.

## Bright Spots Awards

The [Bright Spots Awards](#) are an opportunity for teachers and school leaders to create, trial and iteratively develop, with expert support, new ways of working and innovative practices in their schools.

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We are here to support you when you encounter problems, need advice on property, when you are consulting with your communities, professional development, annual reports, funding, strategies related to student achievement to name a few.

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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