

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Thank you to those of you who have contacted us regarding the Canterbury Education Sector Expo we are holding in December. This is a great opportunity to meet with your colleagues, support agencies and sector leaders to share and celebrate some of the successes and challenges collectively we have faced. This is also a chance for you to discuss support and resources available to you as well as offering ideas for making collaboration within our sector to go a long way.

Canterbury Education Sector Expo: Tuesday 1 December, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Christian Cullen Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington. Exhibitors include our property team, education renewal, special education and sector enablement and support teams. Also NZSTA, NZ Police, ERO and WINZ will be attending with a couple more exhibitors yet to be finalized. Please RSVP to erin.king@education.govt.nz by Monday 23 November.

In my last newsletter I put out a request on how best our education community can come together five years on to acknowledge the tragic events of 22 February 2011. The huge progress made is a testament to the spirit, determination, hard work and commitment of everyone. I would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved with us in paying tribute to the amazing work done despite all the challenges and difficulties that have been faced by students, schools and communities.

Finally please see the information attached for invitations to: [Inaugural Professional Lecture: Teaching for the Future](#) from Canterbury University, 16 November and [White Ribbon Day event](#) from NZ Police on raising awareness of family violence and a little bit about Operation Bright Hope, 25 November 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Education Act 1989

You may already know that the Minister of Education has announced that an update of the Education Act 1989 is one of her priorities. Cabinet will soon make a decision about updating the Education Act 1989. In anticipation of that, I would like to get the below dates and times in your diaries for workshops on the proposed changes to the Act.

| Workshops | Venue | Dates | Time | RSVP by |
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| North Canterbury | The Tin Shed (Amberley Pavilion), Douglas Road, Amberley | 25 Nov | 3:30pm-5:30pm | 19 Nov |
| Mid Canterbury | Gardenside Room, Hotel Ashburton, 11/35 Racecourse Road, Ashburton | 26 Nov | 10:00am-12:00pm | 20 Nov |
| South Canterbury | Southern Trust Events centre, 70 Morgans Road, Timaru | 26 Nov | 3:30-5:30pm | 20 Nov |
| Christchurch | Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Christchurch | 07 Dec | 3:30-5:30pm | 30 Nov |
| Christchurch | Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Christchurch | 09 Dec | 3:30-5:30pm | 30 Nov |

Please **RSVP** to Lynne.James@education.govt.nz and specify what workshop you will be attending.

Tuahiwi Education workshops 2015 / 2016

Tuahiwi Education Committee welcomes educators to come along and take part in a day of learning on their marae. These workshops are great and provide an introduction for teachers to the Ngai Tahu area and their local hapu Ngai Tuahuriri.

The last workshop for this year is on 24 November 9:15am - 3:00pm. Workshops in the New Year will be run on 22 and 27 January and 18 February 9:15am - 3:00pm.

To find out more about these workshops and to register your interest please fill out the [attached registration form](#) and return by email to: tuahurired@gmail.com

Please [click here for Pōwhiri information](#) for Tuahiwi Education workshops.



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

Positive Behavior for Learning School Wide (PB4L-SW)

As schools involved in PB4L-SW move into Tier 2 it is recommended that enhanced connections occur with community services that support positive behaviours. These services may include NZ Police and mental health services.

These connections are enhanced by including community partners onto the school's PB4L leadership team.

At a recent national forum leaders from Police districts recognised the benefit in deploying staff (predominantly school community officers) to be part of the leadership team for schools involved in PB4L-SW Tier 2. Advantages in having Police on the PB4L-SW leadership team may include:

- Sharing information about the nature of youth crime problems
- Provision of early intervention for students at-risk of offending e.g. access to a range of youth development resources
- Involving Police within the school's restorative practice to reinforce the harm that is caused by student's behaviour
- Involving Police in primary prevention programmes to address issues identified through the data from the school's student management system e.g. Tag Free Kiwi, Doing the Right Thing, Kia Kaha, Road Safety
- Support to reduce opportunities to offend by designing out immediate precursors to offending e.g. design of public places and schools (Crime Prevention through Environment Design)

If PB4L-SW tier 2 schools wish to include Police on their leadership team they should provide an invitation from their school principal or PB4L School coach to Police's area prevention manager through their local Police station.



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Lyttelton school will share new theatre with The Loons

Lyttelton Primary School is set to share their brand new theatre with The Loons Theatre Trust when their new \$12m school opens next year.

Students at Lyttelton Primary School will be treading the boards with the professionals when their new \$12m school opens, thanks to a deal brokered by the Ministry of Education between the school and The Loons Theatre Trust.

The Trust is contributing additional funds to the school's new performance space to bring it up to the level of a professional theatre, and they will have priority use of the building outside school hours. The internationally-known theatre company was left without a home following the Canterbury earthquakes.



Image: Courtesy of Loons Theatre

Building work is currently taking place at the Lyttelton Primary School as part of the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme. The school is expected to open in 2016.

The Ministry's Head of the Education Infrastructure Service Kim Shannon says she is delighted that the Ministry could help the Lyttelton community find a solution that benefited everyone.

This is a great solution for the school and the Trust – the school gets a superior performance space for its students, and the Loons get a new home," she says.

The design changes to the school hall include additional strengthening to accommodate lighting rigs, upgraded foundations to accommodate roll-away tiered seating, extended sprinkler system, acoustic upgrade, black ceiling tiles and smoke alarms that can tell the difference between real smoke and dry ice.

"We do encourage schools and community groups to share facilities wherever possible, to get the most out of our infrastructure. This theatre will be available to the wider community when the school and the Trust aren't using it."