

# Canterbury Regional News

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## *Kia ora,*

I can't really believe term four is here. This term always seems to go by so quickly with everything that needs to be completed. It will no doubt be very busy, with final planning for the 2016 school year, end of year events and great opportunities to celebrate the successes and achievements of your students.

The date of the Christchurch Education Sector Expo is now going to be Tuesday 1 December, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Christian Cullen Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington. An invitation to principals, board chairs and a list of exhibitors will be sent out shortly. This is a great opportunity to meet with your colleagues, support agencies and sector leaders to share some of the successes and challenges you have faced. You can also and discuss support and resources as well as offering ideas for making collaboration go a long way.

Christchurch Screening of the movie: Most Likely to Succeed. Wednesday 18 November: 6:00pm, Aurora Centre, Burnside High School. Think Beyond is pleased to be able to bring this movie to Christchurch. This is one documentary about education that you won't want to miss!

- For those involved in rebuilding, redesigning and rethinking Christchurch schools
- For students and teachers transforming teaching and learning in our schools
- For senior teams, principals and board members who are leading our vision schools of the future
- For community members interested in supporting education for the future

**It is being screened only once and tickets are limited.** The programme includes setting the scene, the movie, expert panel feedback and supper. [Click here to register for tickets.](#)

Following the five year anniversary of the September 2010 earthquake there have been some discussions on how best our education community can come together 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 and schools.

Mā te wā,

**Coralanne Child**

*Director of Education for Canterbury*



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

## End of Year Payroll

The End of Year process ensures that Novopay has accurate information to calculate and pay holiday pay to employees. End of Year processing must be completed by **17 November 2015**.

To avoid delays with end of year processing get started early to ensure you have all the information you need. It is strongly recommended that you gather information and complete any forms as soon as possible, so that you are ready when the end of year screen opens on **20 October 2015**.

You can download a flyer with the key dates, and End of Year 2015 Guide which contains the End of Year Checklist Guide and End of Year Preparation on the [Novopay website](#). There is also a [self-paced learning module](#) to assist you. Principals please make sure you have up-to-date access to Novopay online. The Novopay Service Centre can assist with your password. Please phone 0508 668 6729 or email: [support@novopay.govt.nz](mailto:support@novopay.govt.nz) for help.

## NZSTA Workshops

### Vulnerable Children Act 2014 - Implications for the board



Workshops are being delivered by child protection consultant staff from Child Matters, in partnership with NZSTA. Child Matters is widely recognized as a leader in child protection, advocacy and training.

The Christchurch workshop on 09 November has a waiting list but there are still spaces for the Ashburton workshop on 5 November and the Rangiora workshop on 9 November. For more information and [to register, visit the NZSTA website](#).

Additionally here is a link to their publication [How Can I Tell?](#) This book provides basic information on how to recognise abuse or potential abuse. By educating ourselves on what to look for and what to do when we suspect abuse is occurring we can take the necessary and correct steps to help stop the hurt of children.

There is also a range of guidance documents and services specifically for schools: [Information for Teachers/Education](#).



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

## The LinC (Leadership in Communities) Project

### LinC Project Group 2: Applications open now

The 2015 LinC Project Group was such a success in sustaining and inspiring our people that support and funding was secured to launch Group 2 – applications close on October 23rd and the project starts in December 2015.

[Attached more information is available on the LinC Project](#)

## Computer in Homes graduations

The Computers in Homes graduation was a special evening that highlighted the importance of working with our parents and communities to support our children's aspirations and achievement. Thank you to everyone that has been part of Power Up success.

The graduates and their families were so excited to reach this milestone and receive their own laptop. Once again this highlighted that Computers in Homes and Power Up are key programmes that create a bridge to digital learning and whānau education pathways.

## Cholmondeley Children's Centre

The Cholmondeley Children's Centre was officially opened on Friday 10 October by the Right Hon John Key. I had the pleasure to attend this event on such a glorious Canterbury day. It was a great opportunity to see the first-hand results of the rebuild. The centre offers emergency respite for children from families suffering a crisis, the need for which has doubled since the quakes.







*Putting children at the centre of their learning*

## Minister marks Avonhead School's \$5.3m redevelopment

Associate Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Nicky Wagner has acknowledged the strong engagement and commitment of Avonhead School and its community as they celebrate the start of the school's \$5.3m redevelopment. The Minister was at the school to turn the first spadeful of earth at the start of work at the school.



The redevelopment includes a new teaching block of four teaching spaces for up to 100 students and will upgrade existing buildings. When this is completed, students and teachers will enjoy fantastic new facilities which support the school's collaborative teaching practices. As with all major school redevelopments, the classrooms of yesterday are being replaced with innovative new learning spaces. These are open and flexible, and will inspire children to learn in new and exciting ways. The construction at Avonhead Primary will run until February 2017 and the school will continue to operate during that time.

**Image:** Ministry Of Education Senior Advisor Karyn Wilson, Student Representative Hannah Hamilton-Thompson, Acting Board Chairperson John Ruge, Associate Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Nicky Wagner, Principal Charles Levings, Student Representative Evan Ting, Iwi Representative Maaka Tau and Deputy Principal Vicki Lewis.

### Avonhead School Redevelopment

September 2015 - February 2017



BLOCK 20 (FRONT VIEW)



BLOCK 20 REAR VIEW FROM FENDER DRIVE



INDICATIVE IMAGE



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