

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

This term has been a very busy and enjoyable one, filled with many great opportunities to celebrate the work that you do and the difference you make for our children and young people. The Canterbury Regional Cross-Sector Forum was held last week; thank you for your support and willing participation. This was a great opportunity for our sector leaders, business, local and national government, community and iwi to discuss priorities in education for the Canterbury region.

The key theme is raising achievement; the Public Achievement Information (PAI) data released earlier this year shows our achievement has risen. [You can take a look at our results here.](#) This also shows where there are issues of inequity, and therefore what improvements are needed.

I have included information in this update that may serve as reminders on some best practices for connecting with and helping your students and parents in your schools. Working better together leads to improved results for our children. Along with your work, parents and other colleagues in the sector, you are making success a reality for an increasing number of our students. Thank you!

After the success of the inaugural Canterbury Regional School and ECE Sector Expo held in June we have set the date for the second Canterbury Education Expo. Please put Wednesday 18 November, 5:00pm – 7:00pm in your diary. This is a great opportunity for you to catch up with your colleagues and leaders who represent various areas across the Ministry. Further information regarding this will be available soon.

I hope you all enjoy the term break and return refreshed for the final term of 2015.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Canterbury Regional Cross-Sector Forum on Raising Achievement

Engaging Pasifika whānau, innovative approaches

A key goal for our government is to create the conditions for strong, vibrant and successful Pasifika communities – communities that can help build a more productive and competitive economy for all New Zealanders.

The Pasifika Education Plan 2013 – 2017 (PEP) is aimed at raising Pasifika learners' participation, engagement and achievement from early learning through to tertiary education. [Click here for more information on the Pasifika Education Plan.](#)

Engaging Māori whānau, innovative approaches

It is important for schools and boards of trustees to note that to engage Māori whānau it must be a genuine interaction. If schools want a positive contribution from the Māori community, Māori need to feel they have a place in that school that their identity, language and culture is valued and their voice is not only heard but listened to.

Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013–2017 is our strategy to rapidly change how the education system performs so that all Māori students gain the skills, qualifications and knowledge they need to enjoy and achieve education success as Māori. [Click here for more information on the Māori Education Strategy: Ka Hikitia – Accelerating Success 2013 – 2017.](#)

Special Education Early Intervention service

The Ministry of Education, Special Education is responsible at a national, regional and district level for Early Intervention (EI) services to children with educational, social, behavioural and communications needs. The EI teams work closely with specialists from the Ministry of Health, such as audiologists, physiotherapists, paediatricians, dieticians and occupational therapists to ensure children who need extra support are able to access it. [Click here for more information on Special Education Early Intervention service.](#)



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

Positive 
Behaviour
for Learning



for Teachers

Incredible Years Teachers - Classroom Management Programme

Incredible Years was started 30 years ago in the United States by Emeritus Professor Carolyn Webster-Stratton PhD. Since then Incredible Years has been applied in more than nine countries. It has been shown to work across a range of ethnic groups. The Incredible Years Teachers Classroom Management Programme (IYT) has been operating in Canterbury since 2010 with programmes being well supported by primary and early childhood sectors.

The Incredible Years Teachers Classroom Management Programme is a series of seven professional development workshops for teachers of children aged between 3 – 8 years of age. IYT is intended to reduce challenging behaviours in children and to increase their social and self control skills. The programme is designed to provide strategies to help improve the way things are managed in classrooms, to help promote pro-social behaviour in children as well as help teachers to reduce a child's aggression and non-cooperation with their peers and teachers.

We contribute \$1000.00 towards meeting the costs of teacher relief funding – this payment is made to schools once teachers have attended the first 2 workshops. Programmes are being facilitated by RTLB within their own local clusters.

Enrolments for 2016 are now being accepted –the closing date has been extended to **Friday 30 October 2015, 5pm**. For more information or enrolment forms please contact either your local RTLB Cluster Manager or the IY Canterbury District Coordinator: erin.sturman@education.govt.nz or DDI +64 3 378 7569 | Mobile +64 27 205 7950