

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

It was great to have Prime Minister Bill English officially open Lemonwood Grove School. I congratulate your school and its supporters for your efforts in making such a wonderful school a reality.

The amount of work going on is incredible and I thought I would take the opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our colleagues who are actively supporting those in challenging situations.



Coralanne Child with Waimariri Board Chair: Rex Prebble, Deputy Principal: Carol Coleman, Katrina Casey, Principal: Mike Anderson and Deputy Principal: Nikki Hudson

Katrina Casey, Deputy Secretary, Sector Enablement and Support presented awards to Allenvale (who could not attend) and Waimariri Schools, Marlene Ransfield, Tom Scollard and Mele Togiasso (unable to attend) in recognition of the contribution they made supporting Aranui Primary School during the few months prior to its closure.



Katrina Casey and Marlene Ransfield

The experience and support provided to the children and their families ensured a continued focus on learning for the students. This team made the welfare of the staff and the education of the children at Aranui Primary a priority; this really was a great example of true community responsibility.

I greatly appreciate everyone's commitment to education in Canterbury and the valuable contribution of all our schools and the teams that support you.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Amuri Area School

Students from Amuri Area School were lucky enough to be granted access to the Interlink factory to see their new classrooms being built. The new double studio modular buildings are due to be ready for use at the beginning of term 3. The children were very excited, as were the principal and teachers who can't wait to see them located on their school site.



Interlink build the classrooms in their factory in Christchurch then transport them to site.

Southern Region Finance Advisor

Financial management is crucial to the health of a school in order to provide adequate funding for day-to-day needs and in planning for the future. We have a lot of school finance information for school trustees, principals and administrators including how to prepare your school's financial statements and general financial management information.

We have a Financial Advisor Team and you can contact our Southern Region Financial Advisor Alex Dieudonné, on 03 378 7362 or email: Alex.Dieudonne@education.govt.nz if you have questions about school finances.

Financial Information for Schools (FISH) Handbook

The [Financial Information for Schools Handbook \(FISH\)](#) is a single reference point for boards of trustees, principals and administrators for financial management best practice in schools.



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

Christchurch Office - We have a move date

Many of you are aware our Christchurch office is on the move. Dramatic progress can be made in a short space of time and the new Christchurch office is leaping towards completion with the installation of furniture and ICT equipment progressing over the coming weeks.

Our staff will vacate our current building on 19 April and we will open for business on 20 April in our new building. Please allow extra time for travel, car-parking and reception check-in when visiting us.

Our physical address is Te Urutī, 48 Hereford St, West End, Christchurch 8013. The PO Box will stay as PO Box 2522, Addington, Christchurch 8140 and contact information including landline and mobile phone numbers, and email addresses, remain the same.

The move fits with the Ministry's longer term strategy to progressively move all offices to flexible working environments. By working in a more flexible environment, we can better respond to changing business needs and can strengthen our support to the sector.

We are moving with the times and are proud to embrace a flexible working environment. We will be co-located and sharing facilities with the Ministry of Health who will move in the first week of May.

Watch this space for our house warming invite.

