

## *Kia ora,*

As we head into the July term break, I would like to thank you all for the incredibly hard work you do and the progress we have made in Canterbury. Our region has gone through so much in the last four years and it is because of you, your passion and commitment that we continue to get stronger. I am looking forward to the second half of 2015 and what it will bring.

Recently I had the opportunity along with our principals to attend the National Forum. Pictured is Principal Chris Bascand with the Minister of Education, Hekia Parata, at the forum. Chris is departing Glentunnel School and we wish him well in his new role at Lower Moutere School in Nelson.



The Forums are a great way to progress the on-going work of the Ministry and the Minister. This is an opportunity to lift our education system, of all learners to greater levels of achievement and thank you to those that continue to support us at the forums. Forum members (representatives from education sector) have been working together on how we continue to improve the quality of education for the learner throughout the system and provide advice and sector leadership to us.

Other recent principal announcements in the region include Principal Margaret Paiti who has resigned from Linwood College. I would like to thank Margaret for her commitment to the school including the challenging period following the earthquakes. Hagley Community College principal Brent Ingram announced in May that he would stand down after leading the school for 25 years and it was recently announced that Mike Fowler the deputy principal at Hagley Community College will take over the role from 2016. Everyone at the Ministry wishes you all the very best.

We hope you all have a relaxing break ahead of a busy Term 3.

Ma te wa,

**Coralanne Child**

*Director of Education for Canterbury*



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

## **Investing in Educational Success: The Teacher-led Innovation Fund (TLIF)**

Congratulations to the schools that were successful in their applications to the Teacher-led Innovation Fund. The TLIF has been established to foster new and effective teaching practices which can be shared across the system.

The fund's purpose is to: Accelerate achievement outcomes for students, in particular for priority learners, and/or address identified challenges in the education sector by adding a greater range of tools for teachers to access.

## **Te Taumutu Rūnanga Education Hui**

Thank you and congratulations to the rūnanga on another excellent Education Hui, held on Thursday 11 June at Lincoln University. As always, the presentations and education support provided to schools kei raro i te korowai kaitiaki nō Taumutu- under the protective cloak of Taumutu were of a high standard and the welcome was very warm and supportive. The high attendance speaks volumes as to the high regard local schools hold for this event.

Ministry of Education staff joined in the Hui alongside the schools we are jointly supporting. We found the Hui extremely valuable and appreciated the opportunity to connect with both the rūnanga and schools in such a positive forum.