

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been in Canterbury. It was wonderful to see so many of our principals at the Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association annual conference. The theme for this year's conference was 'Leadership for Learning'. Principals were joined by the Minister of Education and Ministry staff.

I had the privilege of being part of the opening celebrations of the new Bishopdale Community Preschool at its new permanent location at Breens Intermediate. The opening of the preschool is another great milestone, not just for their community but for our city. This is a tribute to everyone's hard work and now the tamariki and teachers can enjoy the fantastic building.

This newsletter includes information for schools which have enrolment schemes due for review this year. We are happy to assist you with information and data to help boards consider their enrolment schemes. At this stage all that is required by 1 May is for the Board of Trustees to indicate if they are considering continuing, changing or abandoning their enrolment scheme. If you are unclear if your school's enrolment scheme is due for review this year, please see information later in this newsletter.

One of our main priorities remains supporting you, your staff and students. The impact of the recent quakes and the series of ongoing aftershocks may still be affecting some. We are here to assist you so please to do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further support.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Grow Waitaha

Supporting schools through the process of change happening in Canterbury

Grow Waitaha is a Ministry of Education funded programme to help support schools in Canterbury with collaborative and innovative pedagogy. Grow Waitaha is a collaboration of the Ministry, Ngai Tāhu, CORE Education, Evaluation Associates, Leadership Lab and Massey University School of Design.

Many schools in Canterbury are being rebuilt (completely or partially) after the earthquakes. Rather than simply rebuilding those schools as they were, we have an opportunity to look ahead and construct innovative physical environments that enable future-focused education for all learners and their communities. Building new learning environments means developing new ways of working in those environments. Grow Waitaha is supporting schools through this process of change.

We have continued to develop the Grow Waitaha programme and support for term one is underway. You can find more information on these opportunities [here](#). These opportunities consist of forums on a range of topics and two communities of practice building on forum topics from 2015. The opportunities are available to all schools in the Canterbury region and are free of charge.

We have also developed a new website www.growwaitaha.co.nz

There you will find additional information about Grow Waitaha, more information about our events and an initial bank of resources. We will continue to develop and add to the website throughout the year as we gather and create more resources and develop further forums, communities of practice and other development activities.

If you have a need that you would like to see addressed by a collaborative development opportunity or a resource, please contact Simon Blatchford, simon.blatchford@education.govt.nz



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

Review of Enrolment Scheme

Reminder to check if your school's enrolment scheme is due for review this year: The review of enrolment schemes is required under Section 11PA of the Education Act 1989, and provides an opportunity for your board and the Ministry of Education to consider the operation of the scheme, and whether it still meets the legislative purposes and principles.

To check if you are due for an enrolment scheme review please [click here](#).

Note that the Education Act 1989 sets a statutory deadline of 1 May for completing the review. For the review response form, please [click here](#).

Under Section 11PA(1) the board is required to:

- review the operation of the enrolment scheme, having regard to the purpose and principles of enrolment schemes (Section 11A of the Education Act 1989); and;
- ask the Secretary whether he or she agrees with the Board's view about the continuing need for a scheme to prevent overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, at the school.

Effectively, this means that you should consider whether:

- the school continues to need an enrolment scheme to prevent overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding at the school;
- the scheme in its present form promotes fairness and transparency in the selection of students;
- the scheme in its present form promotes best use of the existing network of state schools in the area;
- the scheme excludes local students;
- some amendment to the home zone is appropriate i.e. does the current enrolment scheme home zone reflect your immediate school community

If the Board of Trustees is considering changing or abandoning the enrolment scheme, these changes will be worked through as part of a discussion with your neighbouring schools. We are happy to assist you with the meeting arrangements and the information and data that you may wish to share with neighbouring schools. At this stage, all that is required by 1 May is for the board of trustees to indicate on the [review response form](#), its decision.

If you require support please do not hesitate to contact your senior advisor.



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Property

Construction work is beginning at the new Lemonwood Grove School in Rolleston. In preparation for the building of the school, a ceremony was held at the site led by Mana Whenua. The land was blessed and the first sod was turned by Angus Winter who will be one of the first students when the school opens in 2017.



Schoolgen

Schoolgen is a programme developed by Genesis Energy to bring solar energy and energy efficiency to life for children across New Zealand. Schools don't need the solar panels to be able to use the programme. Every school in New Zealand can join the Schoolgen community by visiting the [Schoolgen website](http://www.schoolgen.co.nz) and using the free teaching resources.

Genesis Energy CEO was at West Rolleston recently where he watched a fantastic presentation by the students and met with school staff, board members and Ministry of Education representatives.

