

Kia ora,

I am looking forward to catching up with you at the Canterbury Regional Sector Forum being held tonight (8 June) at the Addington Events Centre from 4:30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to catch up with your colleagues and leaders who represent various areas across the Ministry and the sector.

Congratulations to Denise Sheat (ONZM) - For services to Māori and education and Neil Wilkinson (MNZM) - For services to education on well deserved awards. It is wonderful to have your passion and commitment to education recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Ministry staff attended the Halswell School's 150th Year Jubilee during Queens Birthday weekend. As part of the anniversary celebrations the school also marked its official opening. The school is the first in Christchurch to be fully rebuilt after the Canterbury earthquakes.

I had the pleasure of attending the Kidsfirst Diamond Harbour Early Learning Centre which was officially opened by the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. John Key. This was a great event and the centre was also in the list of winners in this year's NZ Architects Awards. The jury praised the design of Kidsfirst Diamond Harbour, by Opus Architecture: "Through the intelligent use of space light and texture, the architects have crafted special spaces for children and adults alike."

I have also had the pleasure of catching up with many of you regarding Community of Schools. In this newsletter there is some information about how IES funding is allocated. The scheme is entirely voluntary and we have been working with, and will continue to work with, any school that wants to get involved. This is an on-going programme and schools can submit an expression of interest at any time.

Thank you to all of you who attended one of the Special Education updates recently. It was wonderful to have early childhood providers, parents, whānau, schools and education and disability sector partners gathered. The forum was an opportunity to discuss some proposed improvements to the education system for children and young people with special education needs. We look forward to being able to update you around August.

Ma te wa,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Investing in Education Success

Quality teaching is a key factor in raising achievement. Half of the funding associated with Investing in Educational Success goes towards time and support for schools to utilise with their staff. For instance, the inquiry time, which provides at least 50 hours of time into each school that joins a Community of Schools (more time for schools with over 10 staff). Schools can use this time to release any of their teachers to mentor and work with other teachers. That is about 250,000 additional hours of staffing that could go into the system if all of our state and state integrated schools join a Community of Schools.

All of the roles associated with Communities of Schools come with release time to support those who undertake them so they can work collaboratively with their colleagues. The amount of time associated with the roles was increased after discussions with PPTA and SPANZ last year. Money to support schools to participate in the Community of Schools is also available as soon as the Community of Schools is approved. For example, we just released the most recent payments to schools that are in the 18 Communities of Schools announced Wednesday 22 April.

Please do not hesitate to contact your senior advisor if you have any questions and would like more detail, we are always happy to hear from you.

Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ) Workshops

The OTJ Workshop in Christchurch is fully subscribed. We will let you know when the next workshop is taking place. There are still places left at:

OTJ Workshop Ashburton 23 June 2015

9:00am- 3:00pm, Tuesday 23 June 2015, Ashburton Hotel [Register](#)

OTJ Workshop Timaru 16 June 2015

9:00am- 3:00pm, Tuesday 16 June 2015, The Function Centre [Register](#)



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Christchurch Schools Rebuild Update

New West Rolleston

The foundations for the new West Rolleston Primary School are taking shape.

Since the Canterbury earthquakes Rolleston has experienced substantial and rapid population growth.

The school is due to open in February 2016.



Marshland School sod-turning

Minister Hekia Parata used the CSR team's special ceremonial spade when she did the honours for the official ground-breaking at the new site for Marshland School in Canterbury.

The new school is due to open next year.