

Canterbury Regional News

12 December 2016

Kia ora,

Thank you for all that you have done throughout the year and for your ongoing contribution to education. The highlights and successes, of which there have been plenty for 2016, would not have been possible without every one of you.

Working together, learning and supporting each other is the key for success and I thank you for that. I am sure you will all be looking forward to having a restful break after what has been a busy year.

We appreciate the support and efforts made by boards and principals and thank all the parents, children, students, teachers, school staff and supporters who have worked closely with the Ministry on a range of projects this year. You will appreciate that there is still much for us to do and we will engage with you and the community in the New Year as we continue to work together.

The Minister has approved six new Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako for the Canterbury region bringing the total approved in Canterbury to 23. The 23 CoL represent 178 schools (68%) and 32 ECE services. This is an exciting development for the region and again thank you for your time and commitment.

Thank you to the principals and board chairs who attended the update on the primary school network. It was a good opportunity to discuss the latest network data and inform you of the proposed next steps. Should you be interested in joining a Working Group to progress this work we would love to hear from you.

This is our last newsletter for the year and the close down period across the Ministry is from close-of-business on Friday 23 December 2016, with Ministry offices re-opening 8am, Wednesday 4 January 2016.

Should you need us for any urgent matters then please do contact us on;

- Emergency response for property matters i.e. fire, flood, extreme weather. Contact Warren Vincent warren.vincent@schoolsupport.co.nz phone 027 229 9458.
- Traumatic incident support phone 0800 848 326.

Please enjoy your well deserved break with loved ones, keep safe, and we look forward to a new and exciting year of opportunities. So, once again, thank you and I wish you all a wonderful end of year. If we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Innovative Learning Environments

An environment capable of evolving and adapting as educational practices evolve and change.

Innovative learning environments are learner-focused and emphasise valued learner outcomes. They encourage collaboration and inquiry, both for learners and teachers, and allow teachers to teach in the style that best suits the needs of diverse learners.

A good source of information focusing on supporting schools planning an innovative learning environment or building modifications can be found on the [TKI website](#)

Grow Waitaha

There have been some amazing highlights from 2016 as the Grow Waitaha programme supported schools in the redevelopment of education in the Canterbury region.

Grow Waitaha is a programme that supports schools through the process of change happening in Canterbury. The programme initiated by the Ministry of Education, is a partnership between the Ministry, iwi, CORE Education, Evaluation Associates, Leadership Lab, Massey University, schools and their communities.

Grow Waitaha aims to support schools to achieve their vision for education in their communities by enabling them to lead from within. The initiative recognises that huge expertise exists in the region, and harnesses that expertise by connecting schools with others to allow for sharing and collaboration.

A reminder that the [Grow Waitaha website](#) provides resources including information on leadership, collaboration and cultural responsiveness and new resources are always being added. You can also access presentations and 2017 event opportunities for schools in Canterbury.