

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Welcome back to term 4, I hope you managed to have some time to relax. This term always seems to go by so quickly with everything that needs to be completed. It is also a wonderful term filled with fantastic events and great opportunities to celebrate the successes and achievements of your students.

During the term break I had the opportunity to attend a 'breaking ground' ceremony on the construction site of the new Christchurch Boys' High School hall. It was great to have Minister Gerry Brownlee at the event to celebrate this milestone.

I also attended the Deep Learning Lab 2016. It was wonderful to discuss new pedagogies with our colleagues and global experts. We explored global insights, 'new measures', cultural responsiveness, and heard from educators who shared their experiences.

I recognise that as we reach milestones and embrace the many opportunities presented to us that these times can be challenging and sometimes just outright difficult. It's not always easy to see the way forward. In the last few weeks of term 3 our colleagues looked at what support continues to be required by schools, particularly in the east and took the opportunity to work with our principals to problem solve.

This resulted in our schools working together and we've seen a number of local schools adopt community responsibility for the welfare and education for children and their colleagues. Thank you to the boards of trustees, principals, deputy principals and teachers who are actively supporting the drive to assist those in challenging situations.

Words cannot describe the huge impact this will have on others. I know the staff, board, children and families are delighted to have your support. This is yet another great sign of how Canterbury educationalists continue to make a difference! It once again highlights that by working together we continue to improve education and raise achievement for all of our students and young people.

This time of year we know schools and students participate in a range of events and fundraising activities, should you wish to invite or advertise your events please do not hesitate to contact us and we'll let our staff know.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Education Advisers Canterbury - soon to be advertised

“Do you want to make a positive difference for our children and young people and value variety and challenge in your work? Are you or have you been in the education sector and ready to make another career move? If you have a passion for improving educational achievement for all learners, particularly Māori and Pasifika, and are enthusiastic and committed to building collaborative relationships and open to new ways to do things differently, we could have a role for you.

We have a great opportunity for the right people to join our Canterbury & Chatham Islands education team at the Ministry of Education.

Now is an exciting time at the Ministry of Education. We are in the midst of a positive change initiative that’s setting a platform for New Zealand’s young learners to be the best they can be. We are focused on lifting student achievement and engagement and bring about change for and with schools, kura, whānau and communities. Our vision is ultimately about ensuring all our learners succeed personally and achieve academically, so in years to come they are productive, valued in their community and competitive in the world.

We will give you the opportunity to work directly with senior leaders, boards of trustees and Communities of Learning to achieve successful educational outcomes for all students, with a particular focus on realising the potential of Māori students and Pasifika students. You must be able to influence others and be able to back this up with knowledge, skills and experience in improving student engagement and achievement.

You will have an appropriate tertiary qualification, a good understanding of legislation relevant to education and, in your role, will bring expertise in:

- Building and maintaining successful relationships
- Using your analytical and evaluative skills to work with data and information to solve complex problems and make decisions
- Working with others to support and implement change initiatives.

You will be able to view a job description or apply [on-line](#) shortly.



Putting children at the centre of their learning

PB4L School-wide Getting Started Workshops (Southern Region)

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-wide (PB4L SW) Southern Regional team is running one day workshops for schools interested in implementing the PB4L SW initiative.

These workshops are aimed at schools that have not been able to access the fully supported Ministry of Education PB4L SW training and would like to get started on implementing the school wide systems and practices themselves.

Content will include:

- familiarisation with the SW framework
- setting up a SW Team
- establishing a SW Action Plan
- a focus on behaviour, learning and wellbeing **data**
- engagement with the *PB4L SW Tier 1 Implementation Manual*
- establishing **systems** and **practices** to improve school culture and the behaviour and learning of students

Interested schools should consider sending up to three staff (including the principal), who would then become the core SW team in their school.

Register: To register please email Emma at emma.pocklington@education.govt.nz and include;

- School name
- Names and email addresses of no more than three staff who will attend
- The event you wish to attend

Area	Date (9am – 3pm)	Venue
South Canterbury	Tuesday 1 November	Timaru Ministry of Education office Oceanview Heights School Selwyn St.
Christchurch (1)	Thursday 3 November	University of Canterbury Ilam Campus Room KE04
Christchurch (2)	Monday 21 November	University of Canterbury Ilam Campus Room KE04

Please direct any enquiries to your local PB4L SW Practitioners

- Tracy Roberts; tracy.roberts@education.govt.nz (Chch)
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