

## *Kia ora,*

We are all definitely looking forward to the warmer weather of spring; however we have a few more weeks to wait and some sunny days to convince us it is nearly here. We had the pleasure of hosting a national office contingent in Christchurch recently where managers visited schools and talked with the teachers about their teaching and the exciting developments in our city. This was also a great opportunity to look at different settings and configurations and how they function as effective learning spaces.

The Ministry provides a diverse and comprehensive range of support packages and in this newsletter I have focused on the Christchurch Earthquake Teachers' Training Support Fund. This fund provides time for teachers or principals to study while they continue to teach and is available to fully registered teachers and principals who are currently employed by, and working in, state or state-integrated schools in the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn districts. As a reminder I have also included information on wellbeing and workforce support.

Finally a reminder that at any stage schools can raise or discuss their property needs with their assigned delivery manager. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of support to you. I have attached this [link](#) that may be of interest to you.

We would appreciate if you could print this newsletter and place in your staff room and as always, if you have any questions, concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we are always happy to hear from you.

Mā te wā,

**Coralanne Child**

Director of Education for Canterbury



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## **Christchurch Earthquake Teachers' Training Support Fund**

Applications for the 2016 Christchurch Earthquake Teachers' Training Support Fund are now open.

### **What is a Christchurch Earthquake Teachers' Training Support Fund?**

This fund provides time for teachers or principals to study while they continue to teach and is available to fully registered teachers and principals who are currently employed by, and working in, state or state-integrated schools in the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn districts.

Each teacher or principal will receive the equivalent of five hours of paid release time for study each week during the school year and a contribution of up to \$1600 towards their course fees. The school receives relief funding while their teacher or principal is on release.

Teachers or principals who take up the redeployment option available through the surplus staffing provisions are eligible for this Training Support Fund, but they will only receive a fees contribution, and not study release time. The fund is administered by TeachNZ, a division of the Ministry of Education.

### **How many are available?**

There are 30 funded places available for 2016.

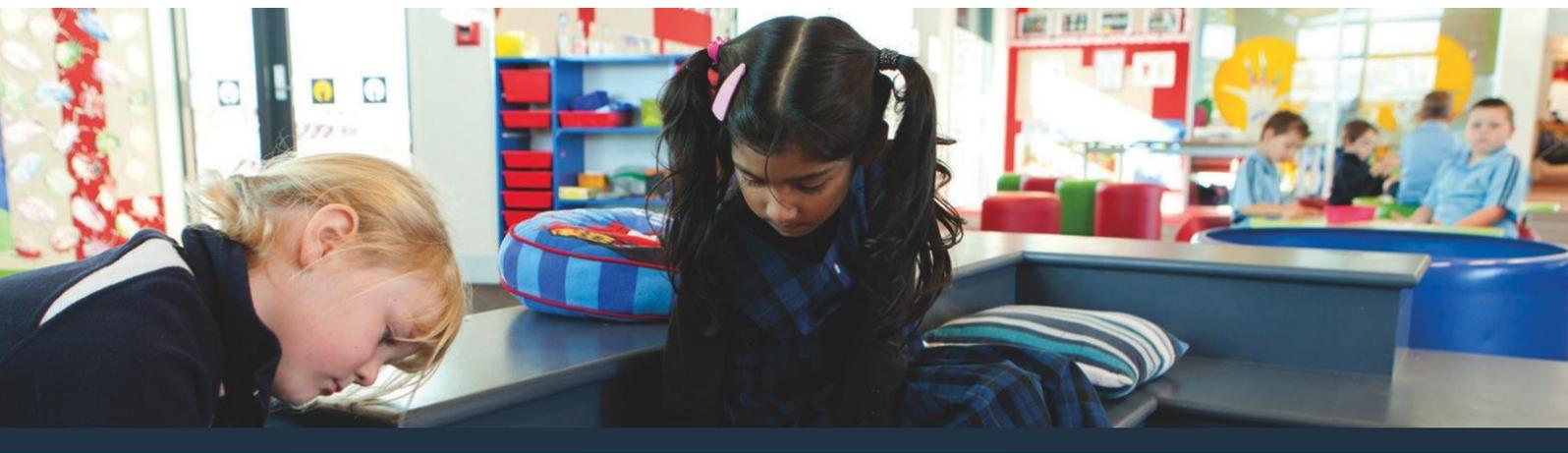
### **Key dates**

- August 2015 Applications open
- 21 September 2015 Applications close
- 2 October 2015 Closing date for submitting additional information
- November 2015 Selection process
- 20 November 2015 Applicants are notified of results (if a teacher is successful their principal will also be notified).

### **What are the eligibility criteria?**

To be eligible to apply for a training support fund you must be:

- a fully registered teacher
- employed by and working in a school in the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn districts
- permanently appointed full or part time, or employed full time on a fixed-term contract which is longer than 12 months and will cover the length of proposed study
- supported by your principal and board of trustees/employer



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## Christchurch Earthquake Teachers' Training Support Fund (continued)

### How are applications assessed?

Each application will first be checked to ensure it meets all of the eligibility criteria outlined above. A selection panel will then assess each application based on the selection criteria outlined in the application form. Each application is ranked on the quality of the study plan provided by the applicant, and how well it addresses the selection criteria, (including Government goals in education and the emerging needs of Christchurch students), outlined in the application information.

### How do I apply for the fees reimbursement?

If your application is successful the Ministry of Education will contribute up to \$1,600 towards your course fees. The payment will be made in two equal instalments; the first payment will be made upon receipt of a fees invoice, and the balance paid on successful completion of your course.

### For more information

You'll find further information and all you need to know to complete an application for a 2016 Christchurch Earthquake Principals' and Teachers' Training Support Fund at the [Teach NZ website](#).

### Contact Us

We're here to help. If you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing: [christchurch.workforce@education.govt.nz](mailto:christchurch.workforce@education.govt.nz)

## Wellbeing and workforce support

The school workforce is an integral part of our schools. With so many changes occurring in greater Christchurch both in and outside the school environment, the Ministry provides a diverse and comprehensive wellbeing and workforce support package for school employees. All state and state integrated schools in the Christchurch, Waimakariri and Selwyn districts can access this support. The table on the next page highlights what support is available, its purpose, who it's for and how you access it.

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What	Purpose	For	How to access support or information
Schools' Employee Assistance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching/Counselling either as an individual or part of a group</li> <li>Workshops on "CV and interview skills", "uncertainty and change" and "building resilience to stress"</li> <li>customised programme tailored to an individual's career transition requirements, which may include career assessment, preparation of a CV, networking and job search strategies (Require principal/BoT approval – prerequisite is attendance at CV and interview skills workshop)</li> <li>Personal and/or professional coaching/support or financial advice for individuals.</li> </ul>	Whole school or Individual	For further information or to book Employee Assistance contact Trace Church at: <a href="mailto:Trace.Church@eapservices.co.nz">Trace.Church@eapservices.co.nz</a> 03 348 0854 0800327669
Principal mentoring	Professional support for principals	Group or individual	Contact your Principal Association
Teacher retraining opportunities	For teachers choosing retraining as a surplus staffing option in priority areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>te reo Māori</li> <li>Pasifika languages</li> <li>special education</li> </ul>	Individual	Contact TeachNZ on 0800 165 225
Relief teaching support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief funding for schools where higher than expected teacher absences are occurring or for the provision of additional teacher support</li> <li>Relief funding to enable staff to attend EAP workshops</li> </ul>	School	Completed Christchurch Teachers Support Package Application Form and send to: <a href="mailto:Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz">Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz</a> <i>(Timesheet template available from the email address above)</i>
Non-teaching administrative support	Funding where additional salary costs are incurred to enable staff to attend EAP workshops, job interviews, EQC meetings etc	School	Completed Christchurch Teachers Support Package Application Form and send to: <a href="mailto:Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz">Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz</a> <i>(Timesheet template available from the email address above)</i>
Staffing support	Short-term release time or additional staffing to assist boards in the development of curriculum redesign in response to environment (earthquake rebuild) and pedagogical practice	School	Contact your School senior advisor