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Canterbury Regional News

Kia ora,

Thank you to all of you who attended one of the Special Education updates in the region recently. It was wonderful to have early childhood providers, parents, whānau, schools and education and disability sector partners gathered. In recent years, there have been many significant improvements to the special education system; however, there is a clear message that more must be done.

The forum was an opportunity to discuss some proposed improvements to the education system for children and young people with special education needs. The feedback we have received of proposed improvement will inform the high-level design of future improvements to the education system for children and young people with special education needs, and form the basis for ongoing engagement. Some changes may be able to be made quite quickly but we expect that most will need more detailed design and are likely to be made from 2016 onwards. We look forward to being able to update you around August or September.

In this newsletter there is more information about the upcoming Canterbury Regional Sector Forum on the 8th June. This has been specifically tailored to discuss and identify opportunities and challenges as we collectively work to raise student achievement for children and learners in Canterbury.

Ma te wa,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Canterbury Regional Sector Forum

The Canterbury Regional Sector Forum has been specifically tailored to discuss and identify opportunities and challenges as we collectively work to raise student achievement for children and learners in Canterbury.

This is an opportunity for you catch up with your colleagues and leaders who represent their area across the Ministry and the sector.

The seminar will begin with a welcome by Director of Education for Canterbury, Coralanne Child and then in an expo style format you will be able to select the various organisations, staff and projects you would like to engage with more.

A list of exhibitors will be sent out to you shortly.

School Forum

DATE: 08 June 2015

TIME: 4:30 – 6:30

VENUE: Addington Events Centre

ECE Forum

DATE: 08 June 2015

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30

VENUE: Addington Events Centre

For catering purposes please register by email to Margot Beck margot.beck@education.govt.nz before Thursday 28 May.

Residential Red Zone

We thought it important to remind parents and guardians that the empty houses in the residential red zone are not safe for our children and young people. We ask you to remind them of the dangers of unoccupied properties. Please [click here](#) for further information.



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Ngā Mātāpuna o Ngā Pākihi (Lincoln) LCC Conference

The second annual Ngā Mātāpuna o Ngā Pākihi (Lincoln) LCC conference took place on Friday 17th April 2015 at Lincoln High School, with 112 educators from ECE to tertiary in attendance.

With a focus of *Future Focused Education*, delegates enjoyed an engaging and informative keynote by Jo Robson from CORE followed by workshops run by teachers for teachers. These covered a broad range of topics including 21st Century Learners, a number of IT-related topics, SOLO taxonomy and improving transitions to high school. In the afternoon teachers met in year level hui to exchange ideas with colleagues working with students at the same year level.

“We’re delighted with the success of today’s conference,” commented cluster leader Carl Hogan. “It’s been great to see all our teachers working together in such a positive and enthusiastic atmosphere. I’m also delighted with the support and encouragement the Ministry have provided.”

Planning for next year’s conference is already underway.

Please contact amanda.dowling@education.govt.nz with your projects so we can share them.