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Canterbury Regional News

Kia ora,

The first term of the school year is always a busy one with this year being no exception and looking ahead, there are a number of significant projects underway. We continue to work collaboratively with the Principals' Association to ensure we get the right messages to the right people at the right time with regard to the education renewal programme.

Education Minister Hekia Parata has begun consultation with the Board of Trustees of Redcliffs School in Christchurch about the possible closure of the school because of concerns about the long-term safety of the Redcliffs site. Submissions close on 1 May 2015.

We celebrated the first sPACIFICally PACIFIC Polyfest this term and it was great to see so many parents, teachers, church ministers and student leaders representing their schools and community. A special thanks to all of you that have worked so hard supporting this event.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the annual NZ Secondary schools' Summer Tournament Week. There were wonderful examples of school sport on show, which included events from Auckland to Invercargill. Thanks must go to all those who made this possible, principals, teachers, parents, referees and the event organisers.

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

Ma te wa,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

sPACIFICally PACIFIC Polyfest

We celebrated the first sPACIFICally PACIFIC Polyfest with 19 Canterbury secondary school Pasifika culture groups performing. The secondary school Pasifika culture groups were outstanding and they all stood proud as they celebrated their culture.

Canterbury Director of Education Coralanne Child was able to briefly chat on stage with the MC about what the Ministry was doing to support Pasifika success and it was a wonderful opportunity to introduce Mark Tulia our Pasifika Education Co-ordinator to the Canterbury Pasifika community.



Image: Mark Tulia and Coralanne Child

Future SPACPAC Events

Aneriueta Pa’o-Sopoaga Pasifika Speech Competition

12 May 2015 at Middleton Grange School

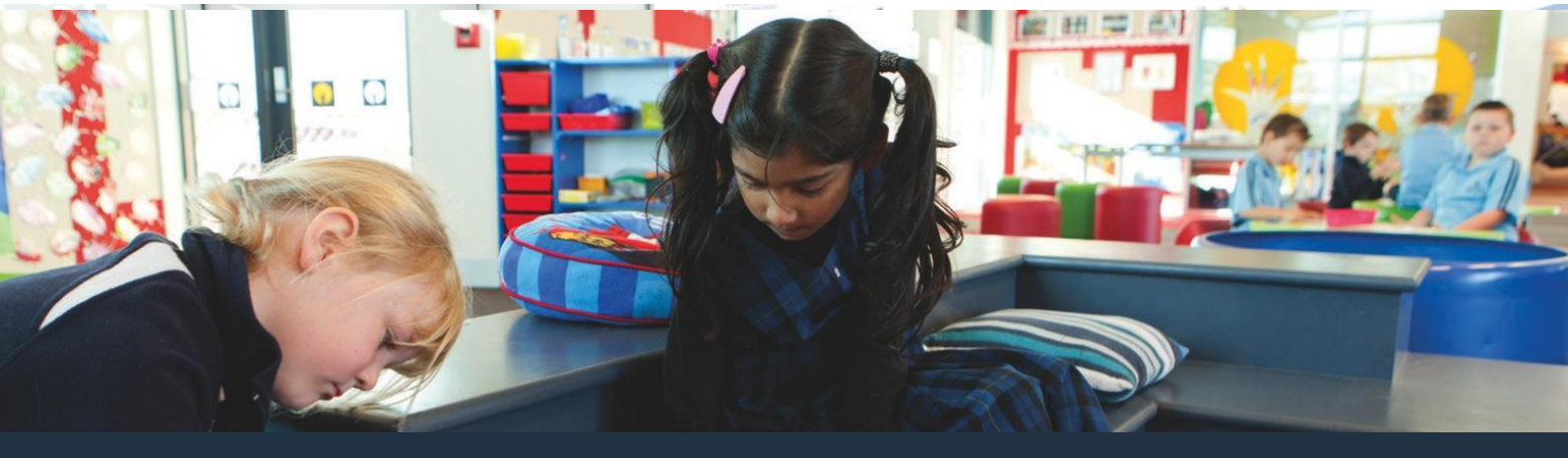
SPACPAC Supreme Awards

20 May 2015 at Hillmorton High School

Reminder - Enrolment Scheme Review

Thank you to the schools that have sent in their school’s enrolment scheme review. Schools with enrolment schemes due for review this year please [click here](#). Please note that the Education Act 1989 sets a statutory deadline of 1 May for completing the review. Please [click here](#) for a review response form. At this stage all that is required by 1 May is for the Board of Trustees to indicate if they are considering changing or abandoning the enrolment scheme

If you require support, please do not hesitate to contact your senior advisor.



Building a new and better future for education and for the community.

Collaborative initiatives making a difference

Learning Community Cluster (LCC) Leaders' Hui

The first LCC Leaders' Hui for 2015 was held on 17th March at the Atrium Events Centre in Hagley Park. This was the continuation of the same series which began and proved very valuable in 2014. Leaders have found these events a very effective way for them to share ideas, discuss challenges, to take advice and ideas from expert speakers and to meet with Ministry staff for the latest updates from the Education Renewal Programme.

This event was both the largest turn out to date and the first in the series where school Senior Advisors and Education Managers were in attendance.

Manager of Education Renewal Garry Williams gave a thorough and detailed update on topics such as Investing in Education Success (IES), Community of Schools (COS) and the continuation of the LCC Leadership resource until June 2017.

Leaders took the opportunity to express their ideas around how the leadership resource could best be used to ensure the sustainability of the LCCs in the future and asked questions around IES, COS that are topics of discussion in their respective LCCs.

The next event is already being organised for Term 2 and the plan is to have all Education Managers and Senior Advisors there to take part in the discussions as we continue our transition from the Education Renewal Programme and into the Sector Enablement and Support Team.

To enable us to share your projects please email: amanda.dowling@minedu.govt.nz