

Shaping Education



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Canterbury Regional News

Kia ora

It's hard to believe we are so close to the end of the year already! The Ministry will be closed from close-of-business on Wednesday 24 December 2014, with Ministry offices re-opening on Monday 5 January 2015.

As always there are a lot of positive things going on around the region, and in this newsletter we celebrate some of our local young people who have performed strongly on the national and international stage. I would like to congratulate the winners and all the participants and staff for all the effort you put into a range of amazing projects.

The inaugural Prime Minister's Excellence Awards were held this year and they were a great celebration of the work being done across our education system. Entries are now open for the 2015 Awards and you will find more detail in this newsletter. Take some time to look at the criteria and become involved in the 2015 awards.

The 11th Early Childhood Convention is to be held in Rotorua from 1 – 5 October 2015. The committee is inviting participants to send proposals that correspond with the Convention theme. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Finally a reminder that schools can raise or discuss any needs or concerns with us at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact us; 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

If you have any questions about the greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme, please email us: shaping.education@minedu.govt.nz





Fair Go School Ad Awards 2014

Congratulations to the two Christchurch schools that featured in the Fair Go Ad Awards. Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery won the competition and The Rangi Ruru Media Club's entry was a finalist.

You can watch the Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery clip from Fair Go by [CLICKING HERE](#).

West Rolleston Primary School

Congratulations to Sylvia Fidow on her appointment to the position of foundation Principal for West Rolleston Primary School. Sylvia is currently the Principal of Shirley Primary School. West Rolleston Primary School is planned to open in January 2016 for year 1-4 students and all other year levels in the following year.

Prime Minister's Excellence Awards - Enter now for 2015

The inaugural awards were held this year and they were a great celebration of the work being done across our education system. They were an opportunity to acknowledge some remarkable people and the work being done to deliver better educational outcomes for our children and young people

Do you have what it takes to be one of our 2015 winners?

The Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements in early childhood education, primary and secondary schooling. Open for entries now and entries close at 5:00pm, Friday 20 March 2015, so don't miss out. [ENTER NOW](#)

11th Early Childhood Convention

1 – 5 October 2015 - Rotorua Energy Events Centre, Rotorua

"He Waiwhakariporipo – Making waves in Early Childhood - surviving the storm"

Convention participants are invited to send proposals that correspond with the Convention theme and strands. The committee is looking forward to receiving your abstracts and proposals to present; papers and research that will once again challenge our ways of thinking and being.

From more information [Click Here](#)





Focus on Ability Short Film Festival

Most online Votes- International Winner
Papanui High School – I Can Do Anything

Congratulations to Papanui High School and the Kimi Ora Students who entered the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival competition. Focus on Ability Short Film Festival is based in Australia and is aimed at raising awareness of the abilities of people with a disability.

The film had to promote the ability of people with a disability and the Kimi Ora Students film was called 'I Can Do Anything' and was entered into the School Entrant-Documentary Category with all the filming and editing done by student Hope Knapman-Evans who is severely visually impaired.

This year the competition was the biggest ever, with over 270,000 people viewing and voting on the films from 167 countries! Congratulations what a fantastic achievement.

