

Shaping Education

Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Newsletter
for schools and early childhood education centres



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Kia ora,

Our best wishes go out to early childhood education services and schools in greater Christchurch as you begin term one. We hope 2014 is an exciting year full of success and celebrations for you all.

To quote a local principal (thanks Dick Edmundson from Hornby High School), “2014 will be a game-changing year for education.”

Following a year of consultation, decisions and announcements, the Ministry’s focus is now firmly on implementing the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme. This is now well underway and many of you will experience it first-hand this year – you may be involved in welcoming new students at expanded schools, commencing master planning for school property or even opening brand new schools.

This year will also be one of celebration for the education sector, with the Festival of Education being held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in March, and the Prime Minister’s Education Excellence awards, which will be announced in June. The Festival of Education in Christchurch will have a focus on the future of education in greater Christchurch.

2014 will be a busy year and no doubt full of exciting challenges. We look forward to working with you as we continue to progress towards our goal of renewing education and raising student achievement in greater Christchurch.

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Education Renewal



Year 7 and 8 students welcomed at Hornby High, Hillmorton High and Linwood College

The year has kicked off with the expansion of three secondary schools to take in Year 7 and 8 students for the first time.

New and refurbished teaching spaces have opened at Hornby High School, Hillmorton High School and Linwood College following the Minister of Education's decision last year that they would become Year 7-13 composite schools.

The new teaching spaces at the three schools are all modern learning environments, meaning open areas for communal and group activities can be integrated with smaller, quiet spaces and break out areas for individualised learning. Teachers can adapt their environment to suit their teaching programmes and learning needs, which in turn can influence better educational outcomes for students.

Each school has held an official opening ceremony to welcome their new Year 7 and 8 students. At the Hornby High ceremony Principal Richard Edmundson highlighted the benefits of the new teaching spaces.

“Our new Year 7 and 8 teaching spaces are designed to create and sustain student engagement and achievement. The style of teaching matches that dynamic. We are now a 21st century school for 21st century learners.”

The new classrooms at the three schools offer the first glimpse of the new facilities that a number of Christchurch schools will gain over the next decade as part of the \$1.137 billion rebuild.



New teaching spaces at Hornby High – ready for Year 7 and 8 students starting at the beginning of 2014.

Learning Community Cluster leaders

The process of appointing Learning Community Cluster Leaders for the 39 clusters is well underway with 23 leaders either having been appointed or in the process of being appointed. There are a number of other clusters in the final stages of deciding who they would like to act as their leaders.

The role of the Learning Community Cluster (LCC) Leader is to work with education providers in the cluster to:

- develop a shared vision and goals and the completion of a high level Learning Community Cluster plan
- analyse and develop a shared understanding of current achievement data across the Learning Community Cluster
- implement activities that engage the community in Learning Community Cluster planning
- begin implementing activities aimed at achieving the vision and goals of their high level plan.

Learning Community Cluster leaders are a vital step in helping clusters achieve at the highest level and the Ministry's Operational Delivery Advisors are working closely with them to support and help ensure their success. The leaders will be holding ongoing meetings as a group to share ideas and inform the Ministry on how to best assist them achieve their goals.

Aranui community campus consultation

Three months of community consultation on the proposed new Aranui Community Campus concluded in December 2013.

The Aranui Community Leadership Group (ACLG), which led the consultation, held community meetings with the four schools - Aranui High School, Aranui School, Avondale School and Wainoni School. In addition drop-in sessions and a large community forum were held. The ACLG also attended the AFFIRM community fair in December.

Earlier this month the ACLG hosted a consultation summary evening for the community and stakeholders. This was an opportunity to hear an overview of the ideas and information that was collected during the Aranui Community Campus consultation.

A paper summarising the information that was collected during the consultation has been written and is expected to be provided to the Minister of Education by the end of February.

EDI funding

Some schools will be starting the new school year with new students who previously attended schools that have now closed or merged. The Ministry of Education makes Educational Development Initiative (EDI) funding available to schools to support the ongoing education of these students. Each school who receives students from a closed or merged school, even if the student is entering Year 9, can access the funding.

Further information about EDI funding is available in the [EDI funding information sheet](#) and the [Obtaining your EDI funding](#) process map. If you find that you have further questions on what this process means for you, please contact your Senior Advisor.



Festival of Education and Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards

As announced by the Minister of Education, national events and regional activities are taking place in 2014 to strengthen the value and raise the status of the profession, celebrate education excellence, and raise student achievement.

Festival of Education

The Festival of Education, showcasing and celebrating education excellence, has been organised to complement the International Summit on the Teaching Profession. Festivals will be held in three centres:

- Auckland, 21 – 23 March, Viaduct Events Centre
- Christchurch, 23 March, Wigram Air Force Museum
- Wellington, 29 March, TSB Arena, Shed 6 Frank Kitts Park.

The Education Festival provides an opportunity for the general public and education professionals to come together and share ideas, innovation, success and best practice.

Inspired by the London Festival of Education, New Zealand's Festival of Education has been developed by Cognition Education, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, and supported by Education New Zealand and a wide range of commercial, central and local government organisations.

For more information visit www.festivalofeducation.org.nz

Ministry of Education regional staff are encouraging communities across the country to incorporate ways to celebrate and value the profession into existing events and activities. To share your ideas on celebrating education excellence within your region, or for more information, contact Barb Madden in the Ministry's Christchurch office – email barbara.madden@minedu.govt.nz

Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards

The Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards have been developed to reinforce, illustrate and publicly recognise and celebrate education excellence.

The Awards focus on the work of groups, teams and partnerships reinforcing the collaboration and collective effort needed for education success. The four categories for the awards are excellence in engaging, excellence in leading, excellence in teaching and learning, and excellence in governing.

Key dates:

- Nominations close 28 February 2014
- Entries close 31 March 2014
- Finalists announced 17 April 2014
- Winners announced 25 June 2014

More information about the awards, including nomination and entry forms, can be found at www.pmawards.education.govt.nz

International Summit on the Teaching Profession

On 28 and 29 March 2014, New Zealand will host the fourth International Summit on the Teaching Profession (ISTP) in Wellington. The theme for the 2014 summit is "Excellence, Equity and Inclusiveness – High quality teaching for all".

The ISTP brings together education ministers and leaders of national teachers' federations and teachers' unions from jurisdictions that, according to the OECD's 2009 PISA survey results, have high-performing or rapidly-improving school systems.

The event is jointly organised by the Ministry of Education, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and Education International. For more information visit www.istp2014.org





Property



\$200 million insurance settlement for Canterbury schools

In late January Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee, Education Minister Hekia Parata and Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye announced a \$200 million insurance settlement for earthquake damage to Canterbury schools.

The settlement between the Ministry of Education and Vero Insurance is one of the largest insurance payouts in New Zealand's history. The Ministry's claim was one big claim that involved 214 schools in Canterbury.

The money will be a direct contribution to the repair and renewal of schools' infrastructure across greater Christchurch.

The Education Minister said the settlement is great news for Canterbury schools, the community and the Government.

“With a \$1.1 billion investment in education renewal in greater Christchurch over the next decade already underway, this settlement gives impetus to the largest ever investment in a region's educational facilities.”

[Read the announcement](#) to find out more.



Minister of Education, Hekia Parata announcing the \$200 million insurance settlement for Canterbury schools.

