

# Shaping Education

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



13 October 2014

## Kia ora,

It is great to have Term 4 underway and I hope you all have a wonderful start to one of the busiest times of the school year.

During the term break there were some great opportunities to celebrate the work that you do and the difference you make for the children and young people of our country. We all know how important teachers have been in our lives and how important teachers are for the work we do every day in the Ministry and World Teachers' Day on 06 October was a great way to show support for teachers.

The 01 of October 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of the creation of our organisation – the Ministry of Education. It was an opportunity to celebrate the work that the staff do and acknowledge those who have worked for the Ministry over the last twenty five years, celebrating their contribution.

Prime Minister John Key announced the National-led Government's new Ministry on 06 October as it prepares to begin its third term in office. Minister Hekia Parata will continue with the Education portfolio, Minister Nikki Kaye Associate Minister of Education, Minister Steven Joyce for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment and David Seymour Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Education.

The Ministry and the sector has been considering the Year 7 and 8 technology provision during 2013 and 2014 and as a result of the feedback a draft plan has been circulated to the sector for comment. You will find further information about this in the newsletter.

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.

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](mailto:shaping.education@minedu.govt.nz)





## Changes within the Sector Enablement and Support Team

Recently we established our management team for the new and exciting Canterbury Region.

The team provides a wide range of specialist support and regulatory services to early childhood centres, schools, children, students, parents, families, whānau, communities and the wider education sector.

We were mindful of the amount of change over the last two years and the newly established teams have the desired changes to meet our internal requirements without creating change for the education community.

An updated Canterbury Team which includes the list of Education Managers and Senior Advisors has been sent to all Canterbury schools.

The team leading the greater Christchurch Education Renewal Recovery Programme will continue building on the best of the existing practice, while supporting the development of new and changing approaches to teaching and learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with any questions you may have.

## Ministry of Education 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



On Wednesday 01 October we celebrated the 25th anniversary the Ministry of Education.

This was an opportunity for us to reflect on and celebrate the Ministry's 25 year contribution to education in New Zealand.

As part of this celebration we acknowledged those who have worked for the Ministry over the last twenty five years.

## World Teachers' Day

We all know how important teachers have been in our lives and World Teachers' Day on Sunday 05 October was an opportunity to say thanks to our teachers. The Inspired by U website [www.inspiredbyU.org.nz](http://www.inspiredbyU.org.nz) is a great place to thank the teachers who inspired us.





## Provision of Year 7 and 8 Technology – greater Christchurch

As part of the decisions made about the closure and merger of schools in greater Christchurch, short term arrangements for the provision of technology for year 7 and 8 students at affected schools were put in place while the sector considered technology provision in the long term.

The Ministry of Education has been engaging with the sector during 2013 and 2014 and as a result of their feedback a draft plan has been circulated to the sector for comment. This has been emailed to all Board Chairs and Principals of schools which enrol Year 7 and 8 students. If you have not received this please email [annie.pierre@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:annie.pierre@minedu.govt.nz) to receive a copy.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for a copy of the draft plan and supporting documentation.

The Technology Learning Community Cluster will also host a question and answer session about the draft plan. This is likely to be on Wednesday 29 November. A venue is yet to be arranged but invitations will be sent to schools which enrol Year 7 and 8 students to this event and it will be advertised on <http://www.gclc.org.nz/groups/profile/1430/technology-learning-community-cluster>

It is important to remember that the draft plan is not set in concrete – it can be changed as a result of any comments that we receive. The outcome of the plan would still need to be agreed to by the Minister of Education. It is anticipated that the report with recommendations for action will be sent to the Minister at the end of November.

Comments from school staff, Boards of Trustees, stakeholders and individuals are invited on the following:

- What are the benefits to schools and students that would arise from this plan?
- What are the challenges to schools and students that would arise from this plan?
- What other ‘actions’ would need to be implemented to bring the plan to fruition?
- Would you favour one technology centre for greater Christchurch (includes Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakiri), or one each for Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri?
- Where do you think ‘hubs’ should be located?
- Any other comments related to the plan.

Please send comments to the Ministry of Education no later than 5pm, Friday 7 November to:

Ministry of Education  
Attention: Barbara Madden  
PO Box 2522  
Christchurch 8140

or email to [barbara.madden@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:barbara.madden@minedu.govt.nz)





# Property



## Minor Works Projects

We have bolstered our dedicated team within the Ministry to manage minor works projects required to maintain school's property between now and when each school enters the capital works programme.

Ministry appointed Project Managers have been allocated to each school within the CSR programme, these Project Managers will co-ordinate any minor works with the school and the Ministry Minor works team.

If there are property items you wish to discuss please contact your School Property Advisor or Case Manager or contact us on [chcrenewal.property@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:chcrenewal.property@minedu.govt.nz).

### The current status of Minor Works projects:

- 310 Schools with active projects (including school run projects) **Note:** Some of these projects have been completed but final account to be finalised.
- 172 Closed projects
- 521 Minor works projects total to date.

