

Shaping Education

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



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Kia ora,

The first term of the school year is always a busy one for everyone and this year has been no exception. For us here at the Ministry it's been a term defined largely by celebration – with the launch of the 'Inspired by U' website designed to encourage New Zealanders to acknowledge and celebrate the teaching profession and the inaugural Festival of Education which was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who contributed, performed, presented and showed up on the day.

Looking ahead, there are a number of significant projects underway. We're continuing to work collaboratively with the Principals' Association to ensure we're getting the right messages to the right people at the right time with regard to the education renewal programme; many thanks to the Association representatives who continue to give so freely of their time.

There are great things happening in the secondary sector – one of the highlights being the ART (but not as you know it!) project which you can read more about inside.

Following the insurance settlement the demolition programme can now begin - again, you can find out more in the newsletter. We are at start of this process so watch out for updates in the coming months.

We continue to support schools to maintain their facilities; with work such as minor repairs and maintenance, regardless of indicative timing for property work. The minor works programme ensures that schools continue to safely and effectively operate with Ministry Property representatives working closely with schools to insure minimal disruption. Should you have any concerns in this regard please contact us.

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Education Renewal



Professional Learning and Development for Learning Community Clusters

The approach to professional learning and development in Greater Christchurch has been designed to support Learning Community Clusters (LCC's) to achieve their goals. It will be tailored and support educational achievement for all students, especially for Māori, Pasifika, students from low socio-economic backgrounds and those with special education needs.

The contracted providers for centrally funded professional learning and development within Greater Christchurch are working as one team to support LCC's and clusters will need to determine how best to use this support.

Requests from LCC's will be scoped with the cluster and a professional learning and development plan agreed. The plan will support the vision and address the goals and challenges identified by the cluster.

Learning Community Clusters in Greater Christchurch that wish to access professional learning and development need to contact their Operation Delivery Advisor.

Achievement Retention Transitions

ART 2013 – 2017 Programme

The Ministry of Education supports education providers to identify students who may require additional support to achieve NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, and implement appropriate initiatives that can be tailored to suit each individual.

The initiative works in partnership with a number of secondary schools to identify young people at risk of not achieving NCEA Level 2. The initiative aims to generate higher levels of NCEA achievement; by supporting students when they fall behind with mentoring and other strategies to re-engage students as well as engagement with parents, family and whānau, to gain commitment to support students.

This initiative scales up a 2012 pilot that led to significant NCEA Level 2 improvement. Students in the pilot programme who achieved NCEA Level 2 might not have done so without the focus of this work.

For more information www.youthguarantee.co.nz



Festival of Education

The successful Festivals held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch showcased the many great things about education in New Zealand and celebrated all the people, organisations and communities that make a difference in education every day.

The strong support for the Festival of Education from the local community showed how important it is that we celebrate the enormous contribution our educators make to society. The Christchurch event attracted over 5000 attendees who enjoyed a programme of first-rate speakers, a series of workshops, performances and an interactive exhibition area.

The very popular Ministry of Education iPad competition was won by Logan Wright from Christchurch who was very thrilled to win and Woolston Primary School were equally delighted to be the lucky winners of the bean bags from the Ministry of Education stand.

The event was a great opportunity for educators, students and their families, educational organisations and the community to come together.



Exhibitors and attendees enjoying the Festival of Education in Christchurch – 23 March, at Wigram Airforce Base



Property



Christchurch Renewal Fact Sheet

The Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme has now well and truly entered the implementation phase.

For those wanting a reminder of the rebuild and renewal timetable [CLICK HERE](#) for the greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme.

Demolitions

With the claim for the Ministry of Education in Christchurch now settled the programme can start to look at removing buildings that have been isolated since the earthquakes and have fallen into disrepair. We will be removing just over 50 buildings across 20 school sites.

The demolitions are due to commence shortly and if your school site is affected by the demolition programme your Ministry Property representative will be in contact if they haven't already.

General Maintenance and Minor Works

The Ministry has a dedicated minor works programme to ensure that schools continue to safely and effectively operate. The minor works programme focuses on repairs and maintenance and sit outside schools' ongoing school property maintenance responsibilities.

The current status of Minor Works projects:

- 190 Schools with active projects.
- 320 Minor works projects total to date.
- 130 closed projects

For further information or to discuss the content above, please contact your Ministry Property representative.

