

Canterbury Regional News

22 February 2016

Kia ora,

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the devastating earthquake that changed our lives forever. This is an important day for us all to reflect on what happened that day and to look at how far we have come. The recent quake on 14 February was a powerful reminder of the ever present need to be well prepared and for us to ensure we have plans in place for the wellbeing, health and safety of staff and students.

A series of events are being held today to mark the terrible destruction brought by the quake and to remember the 185 people killed. Many of our schools and early childhood centres are holding special ceremonies and others are attending city remembrance events. Our Ministry offices will observe a minutes silence at 12:51 for the victims of the quake.

The impact of the recent quake and the series of ongoing aftershocks may still be affecting some. Our thoughts are with all those for whom this is an emotional set-back and please be reassured that we are here to assist and support you.

Not everyone will be impacted in the same way and there are some who will feel no personal impact at all and require no help but there will be others on an emotional rollercoaster. In this newsletter I have repeated some workforce support information and attached some documents for distribution should any of your staff or students require any further support.

Our main priority remains the continued support to students, education staff, boards of trustees and parents to build on the work already being carried out at schools across Canterbury. So thank you all, for everything that you do to make sure that the learning and safety of our young people remain at the forefront.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Supporting our schools

We continue to support children under stress by supporting the adults responsible for teaching them and running their schools. School staff are encouraged to utilise the education workforce wellbeing package including measures for relief staff, mentoring, and employee assistance programme help.

What	Purpose	For	How to access support or information
Schools' Employee Assistance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching/Counselling either as an individual or part of a group Workshops on "CV and interview skills", "uncertainty and change" and "building resilience to stress" Customised programme tailored to an individual's career transition requirements Personal and/or professional coaching/support or financial advice for individuals. 	Whole school or Individual	For further information or to book Employee Assistance contact Trace Church at: Trace.Church@eapservices.co.nz 03 348 0854 0800327669
Principal mentoring	Professional support for principals	Group or individual	Contact your Principal Association
Teacher retraining opportunities	For teachers choosing retraining as a surplus staffing option in priority areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> te reo Māori Pasifika languages special education 	Individual	Contact TeachNZ on 0800 165 225
Relief teaching support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relief funding for schools where higher than expected teacher absences are occurring or for the provision of additional teacher support Relief funding to enable staff to attend EAP workshops, EQC meetings, etc. 	School	Complete Christchurch Teachers' Support Package Application Form and send to: Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz <i>(Timesheet template available from email above)</i>
Non-teaching administrative support	Funding where additional salary costs are incurred to enable staff to attend EAP workshops, job interviews, EQC meetings etc	School	Complete Christchurch Teachers Support Package Application Form and send to: Christchurch.Workforce@education.govt.nz <i>(Timesheet template available from email above)</i>
Staffing support	Short-term release time or additional staffing to assist boards in the development of curriculum redesign in response to environment (earthquake rebuild) and pedagogical practice	School	Contact your school senior advisor



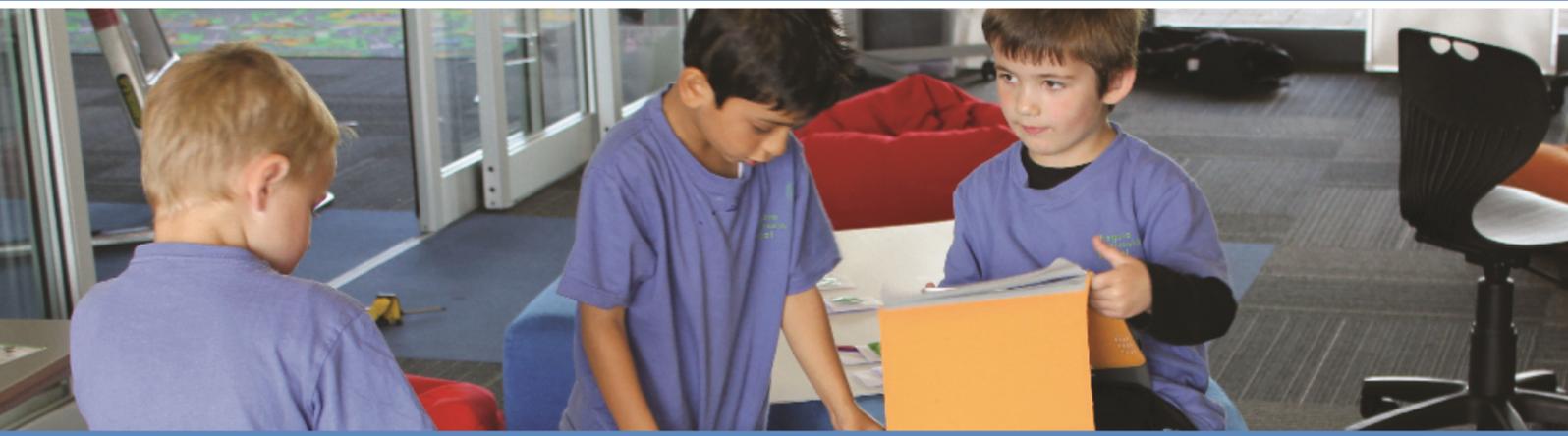
Putting children at the centre of their learning

Strengthening our schools and communities

Five years on from the devastating earthquake on 22 February 2011 we continue to work with you as we rebuild and renew our education network for all of greater Christchurch's students and young people.

Work undertaken since the quake and what is planned for the future supports our vision that Canterbury will be the leading education community in New Zealand, with every child and young person engaged in learning and reaching their potential.

- \$1.137 billion is being spent over 10 years to rebuild and repair Christchurch's schools.
- Six schools are now complete: Pegasus Bay School, Halswell School, Waitākiri, Marshland, West Rolleston and Rāwhiti.
- Lyttelton Primary School will be completed by Term 2 this year.
- A total of 37 projects are in design or under construction, and we have allocated 22.08 percent of the \$1.137b.
- More than 500 new early childhood spaces have been created.
- An extra \$10 million is assisting teachers and support staff in greater Christchurch.
- The \$2.3 million 'Grow Waitaha' programme is supporting teachers in their new flexible and open learning spaces.
- Nine new satellite classrooms are being built for children with special education needs.
- Two pilot programmes are supporting Pasifika Language students.
- We have worked with Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to deliver an education plan by Māori for Māori.
- Secondary schools are working together to support the innovative delivery of the curriculum.
- Over 520 Trade Academy places are helping to improve student pathways.



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

School openings

Hundreds of our students are settling into their new learning environments after the official openings of Rāwhiti, Marshland, Waitākiri and St Francis of Assisi schools.

These are special times for us as we continue to make strong progress with the rebuild.

The schools were joined by invited guests and their communities as well as all of those who worked to make the move to their fantastic new facilities a reality.



Waitākiri School



Rāwhiti School



Marshland School