



# Learners at the centre of change

## Tau Tahi, Tipu Tahi

### Collaborating Together, Learning Together

The Term 1, 2016 forums are open to early childhood, primary and secondary kura in Canterbury.

#### FORUM #1

### Culturally responsive practice

Transformative practice for leaders and teachers of Māori learners.

Week 4

**Wednesday February 24**  
9:00 am–3:00 pm

#### FORUM #2

### Community and stakeholder engagement

Is community and stakeholder engagement on your action list for 2016? Read further in the Events section of our website.

Week 5

**Monday February 29**  
2:00 pm–6:00 pm

#### FORUM #3

### Collaborative teaching

This forum will be facilitated by teachers and leaders who are collaborating together.

Week 6

**Monday March 7**  
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

#### FORUM #4

### Student-led learning

Students will share their own voice on being collaborative and self-directed learners.

Week 7

**Monday March 14**  
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

#### FORUM #5

### Writing your Education Brief

Workshop directed to Wave 4 schools, to support staff writing their Education Brief.

Week 7

**Thursday March 17**  
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

#### FORUM #6

### Digitally connecting your school while building

This forum gives the opportunity to talk with some of the Connected Learning Advisory Team. Read further in the Events section of our website.

Week 9

**Wednesday March 30**  
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

To register or for more details, go to [www.growwaitaha.co.nz](http://www.growwaitaha.co.nz)



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## Community of Practice — Community and stakeholder engagement

During 2016, participants will be supported to learn, plan, coordinate, facilitate, self and peer review school community and stakeholder engagement projects connected with Grow Waitaha.

Forum 2 will give you an insight into the range of skills you will learn in the community of practice.

### Training workshop 1

Thursday 24 March  
9.00 am–4.00 pm

### Training workshop 2

Monday 4 April  
9.00 am–4.00 pm

**Supported implementation**  
ongoing

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## Community of Practice — Secondary

### Why

To create opportunities for the sharing of emerging innovative practice between secondary schools in order to support, challenge and provoke ongoing transformation across the secondary education sector in Canterbury.

### Who

Principals, senior and middle leaders from a range of secondary schools across Canterbury (perhaps 2–4 from each school). A community of practice involves ongoing participation and interaction by a group, rather than occasional attendance of some events by different people.

### What

The following topics of interest were selected from those negotiated at November meeting;

- Master planning for linking pedagogy and flexible learning spaces.
- Student agency, self-management and vision for learning.
- Flexible timetabling and management systems.
- Collaborative teaching and teacher development.

### When

The Secondary community of practice will initially be implemented as a series of hui over 4 afternoons in Terms 1 and 2, 2016. Participants will commit to attend each of these 4 hui which will be held at various secondary schools;

Thursday 10 March  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Thursday 7 April  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Thursday 26 May  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Thursday 23 June  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

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## What is Grow Waitaha and what will we do?

Grow Waitaha is the Ministry of Education funded programme to help support schools in Canterbury with collaborative and innovative pedagogy.

Grow Waitaha is a collaboration of the Ministry, Ngai Tahu, CORE Education, Evaluation Associates, Leadership Lab and Massey University School of Design.

Grow Waitaha will provide a series of opportunities for teachers and school leaders to connect and learn from each other around a range of topics.

Grow Waitaha will collect, collate and store a range of resources for teachers, school leaders and parents to access in relation to new ways of teaching and learning.

Grow Waitaha will work to make connections between educators in order to share the best practice already happening across the Canterbury region.

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## You will see this in 2016 through:

- Our Grow Waitaha website, [www.growwaitaha.co.nz](http://www.growwaitaha.co.nz) providing information about Grow Waitaha and the opportunities it provides.
- Our schedule of events, forums, and communities of practice led by our facilitators, teachers and principals who are effecting change in their classrooms and schools.
- An initial bank of resources on the Grow Waitaha website. Throughout 2016 we will document examples of best practice in schools and add these to the resources.
- Our provision of a facilitator (navigator) to each school as they enter the property process to help develop the thinking around how education will be delivered. Navigators will be assigned for the Wave 4a schools in February and Wave 4b schools in July.
- Our work with the Principal Associations to support their Delving Deep conference, a one day exchange of best practice activities that are happening in canterbury schools.

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