

# Canterbury Regional News

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## *Kia ora,*

It is incredible how quickly the term is going. With so many fantastic events filling our calendars already, I encourage you to check the updates and information in this bulletin as well as our regional updates. The bulletin provides key Ministry-wide information for you in one place. We use it to keep you informed and up to date with what is going on.

I had the opportunity to attend the Delving Deeper Conference at the beginning of this term. Dr Julia Atkin gave a wonderful key note address. The 35 workshops were facilitated by teachers for teachers with many teachers co-presenting with students where there was sharing of great teaching practice. Thank you to all those including our principal associations who worked together to deliver this.

It was great for us to be at Stage Challenge and watch our talented young people take the stage over two nights. It was as it said it would be - a dance, drama and design spectacular. Well done to all those involved.

Earlier this month Education Minister Hekia Parata approved new Communities of Learning. Currently there are 15 Communities of Learning in Canterbury, benefitting 134 Schools and 38,407 students. Thank you to the schools, kura and early childhood education services that have come together to share expertise in teaching and learning and to support each other. By working together, we can make a child's journey through the education system easier.

If there is anything you wish to discuss don't forget you can contact me directly anytime.

Mā te wā,

**Coralanne Child**

*Director of Education for Canterbury*



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

## **New ERO Deputy Chief Review Officer for Southern announced**

On 10 June, Dr Lesley Patterson will take over the role of ERO's Deputy Chief Review Officer: Southern, from Chris Rowe who is retiring. Lesley is an academic and educator and is familiar with contemporary evaluation, theory and practice. Lesley brings to ERO excellent strategic leadership skills and a strong commitment to achieving equity and excellence. You can contact Lesley by email [lesley.patterson@ero.govt.nz](mailto:lesley.patterson@ero.govt.nz)

## **2016 New Zealand Sign Language Champion Award**

At the New Zealand Sign Language Awards held recently our late colleague, Steve Hooker, was awarded the Champion Award for 2016. This award recognises passion for NZSL as well as outstanding commitment to its successful protection, promotion and preservation.

This is a fitting recognition of Steve's total commitment to NZSL over the years.

## **Christchurch School Rebuild (CSR) Programme Progress Update**

All projects planned for the Ministry's Christchurch School Rebuild Programme have been scheduled across the 10-year timeframe. The 10-year programme is in its third year and an overview of the progress to date is below:

- 58 schools are currently in the programme
- 50 schools are still to enter the programme
- Seven new schools have been completed  
Pegasus Bay School, Halswell School, Waitākiri, Marshland, West Rolleston, Rāwhiti and Lyttelton Primary School
- 10 schools are currently under construction
- 21 schools are in various stages of design
- Nine schools are at the master planning stage



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## Teachers' Refresher Course

**Everybody In: supporting the learning, participation and success of children and young people with disabilities in education**

26 - 28 September, University of Canterbury Dovedale Campus, Christchurch

This course, run in partnership with the University of Canterbury, is for all teachers and leaders working in early childhood, primary and secondary settings with a desire to recognise and support **all** children and young people to be the learners they are and can be.

Tungia te ururua kia tupu whakaritorito te tupu o te harakeke  
'Set the overgrown bush alight and the new flax shoots will spring up'.

Inclusive education requires us to transform how we think and what we do in response to difference and diversity in education and society.

This course will provide a safe, respectful and collaborative space for professional development and learning. Participants will be challenged and supported to extend their own knowledge, networks and understanding of how they can enable 'Everybody In', in their classroom, school and early childhood education setting.

For full programme details, view [here](#).

For course information, costs and accommodation details please [click here](#)

[Click here to register](#)

For more information you can also call 0800 872 211 or email [info@trcc.org.nz](mailto:info@trcc.org.nz)



*Putting children at the centre of their learning*

## **Advisory Group - Education Funding Systems**

Recently the Minister of Education announced the establishment of an Advisory Group as part of the next step in the review of education funding systems. The group will work with us to test and refine a set of proposed directions for change. The directions focus on how the funding system could be shifted so that all children and young people, especially those who are at greatest risk of educational underachievement, get the best possible education.

We'll also be talking to, and seeking input from the wider education sector on these proposed directions for change. The engagement will run from June until 31 August 2016.

Further information and membership of the Advisory Group can be found [here](#)

We will publish more information about the review shortly and it's our intention to host these in South Canterbury, mid Canterbury, Christchurch and North Canterbury. Please do let us know if you have some suggestions about how this would work well for you.