

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope you've all had a great start to the term.

Recent events in France have been a reminder to us all how the unexpected can prove to be challenging, particularly so when our own students are involved. The terrorist attack in Nice and the threat this potentially presented to the languages trip to Nice for Rangi Ruru students was a situation that we plan for but hope will never happen. I am mindful of the unexpected work load that the school and team would have had during and after the event. The effort and support that you invested in responding and reassuring whānau would've been warmly welcomed. We hope you and your school community enjoy the welcome home which we imagine will be charged with extra excitement and relief.

Online scams are evolving rapidly and we all need to take note and not let our guard down. A Canterbury school was recently a victim of a highly-sophisticated and targeted email fraud called 'whaling'. The schemers go to great lengths to imitate a trusted email contact to assume the identity of a key employee, or board member. These deceptive email approaches are working — fuelling a continuing surge in cybercrime. So what can be done to lower the risk of whaling and other fraud techniques? Train and retrain your staff on security awareness, review existing processes, procedures, consider new policies related to payments outside normal transaction periods, review and refine your reporting systems and add extra controls, if needed.

In this newsletter I have included information to assist you with your planning for enrolments in 2017, particularly out of zone. For many this may not be an issue, however for those with enrolment schemes you will need to plan carefully the number of out of zone enrolments you intend to take. I would also like to thank the schools that had their enrolment schemes due for review this year for completing these.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Visits to view teaching and learning in new and modified spaces

School visits – Term 3

A number of schools will be open for visits to view teaching and learning in new and modified spaces this term.

The following schools will be open for visits at the following times;

Marshlands	Tuesdays 9.00am - 11.00am
Waitakiri	Wednesdays 10.00am - 12.30pm
West Rolleston	Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am
Waimairi	Every 2 nd Wednesday 8.30 - 11.30am from the 27 th of July

The booking of these visits will be managed by the Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme. To book a visit please email CHCHSchools.Rebuild@education.govt.nz stating the school you wish to visit, preferred dates and how many people you wish to take.

Keeping to the days and times advertised helps schools to manage the flow of visitors and offer a quality experience for visitors.

Support for dealing with negative social media

We have worked with the Canterbury Principals' Group to develop a guide for schools when dealing with negative social media. It outlines some steps you can use to handle negative comments, some things to keep in mind and some sources and resources for your further reading.



Please [click here](#) for the guide.



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

Reminder for schools with enrolment schemes

Offering places to out of zone students

An enrolment scheme is a tool which enables a board to prevent overcrowding at its school and of course students living within the home zone have an absolute right to be enrolled. In some areas, schools have found that a late surge in applications from in zone students has seriously taxed the capacity of the school. The Ministry recommends that boards should be cautious and prudent in offering places to out of zone students.

We want to continue to assist schools which have experienced unforeseen roll growth, however we will first need to see evidence that schools have adopted a policy of restraint similar to those suggested in the documents below and remind schools that new teaching space entitlement is based on home zone students enrolled at the school.

Useful documents

[Enrolment Schemes - Secretary's Instructions](#)

[Enrolment schemes and legislation](#)

[Out of zone enrolment – order of priority](#)

[Draft notice templates for use by schools](#)

[Draft letter templates for use by schools](#)



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Grow Waitaha

During this term the Grow Waitaha programme is showcasing a range of new initiatives. This includes more material online, communities of practice, forums and videos. Connect to the [website](#) where you can also find links to our Twitter feed, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

On the YouTube channel we have some new videos:

- **Dr. Julia Atkin: Collaborative Teaching and Learning — Part 1** - Julia shares some ideas for connecting with parents
- **Collaborative Approach to Teaching and Learning** - Ideas captured from teachers and students at the Delving Deeper conference held in term 2.

The Grow Waitaha programme also has its own [MeetUp](#) site. This site is available for anyone to sign up to; they don't need to be teachers or connected with a particular school. This is the place that extends the work being done by Grow Waitaha into the community and adds richness to meetings by encouraging a wide range of people to attend. The next MeetUp will be held on Thursday, 11 August from 4pm -6pm at Waitākiri School. Details of the MeetUp and all other events can be found on the [Grow Waitaha website](#). If you have ideas to share or questions to ask please contact us at growwaitaha@gmail.com

Upcoming Workshop

Find Your Billion is built around an interactive, one-day workshop for school students aged 13 – 19. This will be hosted by SingularityU New Zealand in conjunction with Singularity University. The programme provides participants with an understanding of exponential technologies, how they are revolutionizing our future, and how that change enables the next generation -- what we call the *Exponential Generation* - to transform the world for the better and positively impact **billions of lives**.

The workshop will take place in Christchurch on Monday 26 September. More information about exponential technologies and how to register interest can be found [here](#).