

Canterbury Regional News

12 September 2016

Kia ora,

On 4 September we marked six years since the 2010 Canterbury earthquake. I would like to acknowledge your strength and the resilience of your communities as we continue to support our students and staff to manage the changes in response to the earthquakes.

The final inter-agency workshop for the year on "How to recognise and deal with children and young persons exposed to or at risk of abuse" will be held on Thursday 22 September, 9:15 to 12:30 at the Lincoln Events Centre. There is more information and registration details in this newsletter. If you haven't attended one of these please put the date in your diary as it has valuable information and provides an opportunity to discuss your Child Protection Policy.

Congratulations to the year 7 students at Selwyn House School who won the 'Supreme Class Award' at the Cantamaths 2016 competition for the book boxes they made for their school library. The book boxes are on display at the Selwyn House School office.

A reminder that applications for the 2017 Christchurch Earthquake Principals' and Teachers' Training Support Fund are open. For 2017 there are 30 funded places available to fully registered teachers employed by and working in a school in the Christchurch, Waimakariri or Selwyn districts. Applications close **Monday 19 September**. For more about the application process or how to prepare an application download the [2017 application form](#).

We congratulate the team who recently celebrated the re-opening of the Rutherford's Den in the Arts Centre. You can book for the popular Rutherford's Den education programme, which is supported by the Ministry of Education and suitable for children from years 1 to 13. The interactive and activities-based programmes are inspired by the work of famous New Zealand scientist Ernest, Lord Rutherford. More information can be found on the [Arts Centre website](#).

What a very special experience the Christchurch Primary Schools Cultural Festival was. Congratulations to everyone involved, it's a great way to celebrate the many vibrant cultures in our schools.

I had the pleasure to attend sod-turning ceremonies at Kaiapoi North and South Hornby Primary Schools recently to mark the start of their redevelopments. These are great milestones for the schools and also highlight the ongoing and significant progress of the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Inter-agency workshop: “How to recognise and deal with children and young persons exposed to or at risk of abuse”

This workshop is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Child, Youth and Family (CYF) and the Police sensitising school and ECE staff to recognise children and young persons exposed to or at risk of abuse.

The workshop includes signs and indicators of children or young persons at risk of abuse; roles of professionals involved in dealing with suspected abuse, the process that follows a report of concern and child protection policies. Representatives from MoE, CYF, Police and the Vulnerable Children’s Team will give you advice and good practice examples around the topic.

Please bring your Child Protection Policy along for discussion!

When: Thursday 22 September, 9:15 to 12:30, coffee from 8.45

Where: Lincoln Events Centre, 15 Meijer Dr, Lincoln

For: School principals or senior leadership member, ECE centre managers or head teacher
(1 representative per school/ ECE)

RSVP: E: Lynne.James@education.govt.nz | P: 03 378 7771

Request for Support

Across the South Island, Learning Support (previously Special Education) has replaced previous referral forms with one Request for Support form.

If you require support from our (Early Intervention) Behaviour, Communication or Complex Needs services contact any of our local offices by phone, or use the request form. The form can be found on the [Learning Support](#) page under services and support for both individual students and schools.

The form can be completed and submitted electronically.



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

Centrally-funded Professional Learning and Development

Formation of the Canterbury Area Allocation Panel

We are setting up Area Allocation Panels to bring local knowledge and expertise to the allocation of centrally-funded PLD. The new system of PLD places more focus on building greater equity and excellence in a small number of national priority areas. It also places decisions on centrally-funded PLD closer to the CoL, schools and kura that use the services. More information on this initiative is available [here](#).

We are seeking nominations for the Canterbury Area Allocation panel from our regional principals associations.

We have invited the principal associations to nominate three members each to be part of the Canterbury Area Allocation Panel. Members of the panel will have an educational background, knowledge and understanding of inquiry, knowledge of education policies and processes and an appreciation of local context. Panel members will evaluate and make recommendations on proposals put forward from CoL, schools and kura in the Canterbury region.

In addition to the standing membership of the Canterbury Area Allocation Panel, invited specialist panel members will be required when the expertise on the panel does not enable a PLD proposal to be adequately assessed.

A contribution to cover release time will be provided by the Ministry. The closing date for nominations is Friday 23 September. Please find attached the [Terms of Reference](#) document.

For further information about the nomination process, time commitment and or the role of the Canterbury Area Allocation Panel contact Karyn Wilson directly at karyn.wilson@education.govt.nz.

Canterbury Mathematical Association - Primary meets Secondary evening

The Canterbury Mathematical Association is hosting a primary meets secondary evening on Thursday 15 September, 7pm – 9pm at Riccarton High School (staffroom). This is an opportunity for primary and secondary teachers to meet and mingle, swap ideas and talk about mathematics. There will be four presentations that range from numerical acumen in primary schools to formative assessment ideas in primary.

This is a **free** event: for more information please [click here](#) or email Mitchell Howard to register.

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Putting children at the centre of their learning

PB4L School-wide Getting Started Workshops (Southern Region)

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School wide (PB4L-SW) Southern Regional team is running one day workshops for schools who are interested in implementing the PB4L SW initiative.

These workshops are aimed at schools that have not been able to access the fully supported Ministry of Education PB4L SW training and would like to get started on implementing the SW systems and practice themselves.

Content will include:

- familiarisation with the SW framework,
- setting up a SW Team,
- establishing a SW Action Plan,
- a focus on behaviour, learning and wellbeing **data**,
- engagement with the *PB4L SW Tier 1 Implementation Manual*,
- establishing **systems** and **practices** to improve school culture and the behaviour and learning of students.

Interested schools should consider sending up to three staff (including the principal), who would then become the core SW Team in their school.

Register: To register please email Emma emma.pocklington@education.govt.nz and include;

- School name
- Names and email addresses of no more than three staff who will attend
- The event you wish to attend

Area	Date (9am – 3pm)	Venue
South Canterbury	01/11/16	Timaru Ministry of Education office, Oceanview Heights School, Selwyn St.
Christchurch (1)	03/11/16	University of Canterbury Ilam Campus Room KE04
Christchurch (2)	21/11/16	University of Canterbury Ilam Campus Room KE04

Please direct any enquiries to your local PB4L SW Practitioners

- Tracy Roberts: tracy.roberts@education.govt.nz (Christchurch)
- Gail Porteous: gail.porteous@education.govt.nz (Christchurch)
- John Taylor: john.taylor@education.govt.nz (Timaru)