



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 23 October 2018

Kia ora,

Term 4 is an exciting time as you finish one year and complete planning for the start of the new school year. As we all know it is always busy and I wish you all another successful term.

It is with sadness that I let you know Highfield School Principal Shayne Gallagher died at the South Canterbury Hospice on 28 September. Shayne had been working throughout his illness and was farewelled at a service at Highfield School. Our condolences to Shayne's family, friends, colleagues and students at this very sad time.

Halswell School Principal, Bruce Topham, and Waiiau School Principal Mary Kimber retired at the end of Term 3. They have both made an enormous contribution to their schools and communities. We wish them all the very best in the future.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in another amazing Collaboration Unconference. This year's hui was hosted by the 'Ōtautahi Collaborative leadership network' and was another wonderful opportunity to really talk, share and collaborate with others.

I had the privilege to attend the [launch of an innovative partnership](#) that provides free access to digital education to the homes of hundreds of students at Haeata Community Campus. I would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported this great initiative. The pilot was led by the Greater Christchurch Community Schools Network (GCSN) and sees [Network for Learning \(N4L\)](#) partnering with Haeata Community Campus, Chorus and the Ministry of Education.

A very exciting opportunity is available for 10 Canterbury secondary teachers/leaders to become one of the first Boma NZ Education Fellows for 2019. This opportunity is provided through the generous sponsorship of Christchurch International Airport Ltd and Boma NZ. It is a chance to explore exponential thinking, technology and innovative leadership, including a trip to Silicon Valley. Details can be found on the [Boma NZ website](#).

Redcliffs School production "Annie" took place at the end of Term 3. Well done to everyone involved in a great show.

The venue for their production was the Sumner School hall, with rehearsals taking place regularly in the weeks leading up to the show. It is great to see another example of how schools support each other, and a wonderful way to bring the community together.



Christchurch Pacific Educators Fono

As part of the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement 'Emerging Ideas' engagement there is a Pacific Educators Fono taking place in Christchurch.

When: Thursday 1 November

Where: Ministry of Education Te Uruti, 48 Hereford St, Christchurch

Time: 4.30-6.30pm (food and drinks provided)

This fono is for all Pacific teachers and leaders in Primary and Secondary Schools in Christchurch. [Further information on the event is available here.](#)

RSVP to Sylvia Fidow email: sylviafidow@westrolleston.school.nz

Draft Disability and Learning Support Action Plan

Consultation on the draft Disability and Learning Support Action Plan closes 31 October 2018.

You can still get involved by providing your feedback through the online survey. Visit the [EdConvo website](#) for details of the draft Action Plan and survey.

In addition to the online survey, we are holding three meetings in Canterbury to share the draft Action Plan:

- Monday 29 October 2018, 1-3pm,
Ministry of Education Christchurch office, 48 Hereford Street, Christchurch.
- Monday 29 October, 6.30-8pm,
Ministry of Education Christchurch office, 48 Hereford Street, Christchurch.
- Tuesday 30 October 2018, 6.30-8pm,
Southern Trust Events Centre, Timaru.

These meetings are to discuss the proposed actions in the plan, the most important actions to be taken over the next few years, and whether there are any gaps.

Space at these venues is limited so if you would like to attend please contact erin.king@education.govt.nz to RSVP. **Please ensure you state which meeting you would like to attend.** Please accept our apologies if your first choice of meeting is oversubscribed.

Centrally-funded PLD - Reminder

A reminder the submission deadline for centrally-funded PLD is Thursday 8 November. The Canterbury Area Allocation Panel meet on Thursday 29 November and schools, kura and kāhui ako will be notified on Thursday 13 December. You can view our Canterbury regional priorities [here](#) and find more information on how you can access centrally-funded PLD on [our website](#). The PLD contact for our region is Karyn Wilson (karyn.wilson@education.govt.nz)

Managing School Finances - Budgeting

It's now time to start preparing your 2019 budgets. Your budget is a statutory requirement under Section 154 of the Education Act 1989 and is a useful tool for monitoring your school's finances. Your budget should reflect your board's strategic objectives and initiatives as well as the school's expected revenues and expenses.

Some useful information on the budgeting process can be found in the [Financial Information for Schools Handbook \(FISH\)](#). If you require any further assistance contact your Ministry of Education School Financial Advisor. This year we are also trialling a budgeting workshop to support those tasked with preparing budgets.

School Budgeting Workshop - Christchurch

When: Thursday, 1 November

Where: Christchurch Office, Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford St, Level 1

Time: 9am

You will need a laptop, Microsoft Excel and your 2016 and 2017 trial balances.

If you are interested in attending please email Alex Dieudonne, Ministry of Education School Financial Advisor (alex.dieudonne@education.govt.nz)

Specialist Teacher Outreach Service

Just a reminder when thinking about staffing for next year. If you have students on your roll who are Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) verified you can access specialist staffing through the specialist outreach service. The outreach service provides a specialist teacher who works as part of a student's support team, which includes their class teachers, learning support staff, support staff and family or whānau.

When schools have an Outreach Service teacher, they transfer their ORS staffing to the Outreach Service provider school. In Canterbury the day special schools are service providers. The provider school can then employ the specialist teacher. The Ministry of Education supports the Outreach Service provider with funding for administration and travel.

On our [website](#) you can find information sheets, and guidelines for the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service. Please don't hesitate to contact us to find out more.

Greater Christchurch Schools Network

Thank you to those that were able to attend the network presentation at the end of Term 3. Please find [attached the presentation](#). If you have any questions about the data please do not hesitate to contact us.

Grow Waitaha Workshops

Innovative Learning Environments: Harnessing diverse views to build confidence and improve practice

Thursday 8 November, 1–4pm

This workshop will support school leaders to explore diverse views on innovative learning environments in order to improve the experience of all learners. This workshop offers methods for engaging with school community feedback in order to come up with ideas for improving teaching and learning practices, environments, and community confidence. [Register and find out more](#)

Curriculum Redesign

Tuesday 20 November - 1-4pm

Many schools are working to re-conceptualise their curriculum. At this forum, schools (primary and secondary) who have successfully navigated the redesign of their curriculum will share their journey. They will share key resources to support a quality review and some tips and tricks on how to do this collaboratively. [Register and find out more](#)

Secondary Timetables Reimagined

Tuesday 27 November 2018 – 1-4pm

Many secondary schools have moved away from running a traditional school timetable for their learners – 60 min, 90 min, 100 min and 120 min periods are now the norm across many schools in Christchurch. At this forum secondary schools will share how they organise their timetable to benefit learning for all – both within and across faculties. They will share why they decided to make the changes, what they needed to consider and tips and tricks they have learnt along the way. If re-imagining the timetable at your school is something you are considering then come along to this forum, learn from those who have started the journey and then you will be able to begin the conversations back at your school. [Click here to register](#)

Oral Health Information and Education Workshop

The Oral Health Service Development Group invite participants to an Oral Health Information and Education Workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to work with on-the-ground providers around what their needs are for oral health information and education, and what is required to support them to ensure consistent oral health messages are given.

When: Thursday 8 November

Where: Design Lab, 17 Print Place, Middleton, Christchurch

Time: 9.30am-1pm

A morning tea will be provided and tea and coffee available from 9.15am

[Please register here](#) by 5pm Friday 26 October

You can also email tracy.abbot@cdhb.health.nz or phone 03 378 6738.



Project | SEARCH

Project SEARCH is an employer led one-year internship programme for students with learning disabilities in their final year of school. The learning will take place within the Canterbury District Health Board, where total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills.

They are now accepting applications for February 2019 and [you can find out more here.](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues. You can always call me on 03 378 7345, 0274 200 251 or [email](#) me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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