



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 18 March 2019

We have all been deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place on Friday in our city. A huge thank you to you and your staff. Your efforts, care and patience ensured the safety of your students as the events unfolded across greater Christchurch. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives.

Our Traumatic Incident teams will have already been in contact with some of you, please do not hesitate to contact us for any support you may need.

Remember if your staff need support, the Employee Assistance Programme is available. Contact: 0800 327 669 or www.eapservices.co.nz

The information we sent by email on Saturday also provides useful guidance.

Kia ora,

You will be aware that the Canterbury region is currently experiencing a measles outbreak. The Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) has written to all schools and early learning services with advice on preventing measles and how to deal with cases of measles if they occur. The CDHB has also provided information that you can share with your parent communities. I would like to reiterate the messages from the CDHB and have included a link to copies of both the [letter](#) [PDF] and [parent information](#) [PDF]. If you have a confirmed measles case please email enquiries.christchurch@education.govt.nz so we can provide any necessary support.

Congratulations to [Bruce Rodger from Avonhead School](#) [PDF] who received a 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. The award was presented to Bruce by Minister of Education Hon. Chris Hipkins in Wellington in February. A panel of assessors selected six inspirational educators from more than 2,000 nominations. It was wonderful to see Bruce recognised for his contribution to education.

While in Christchurch on 7 March, the Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Adern visited Wigram Primary School to talk about the Mana Ake Wellbeing initiative. The Prime Minister was keen to hear about all aspects of the programme and to find out how initial thoughts and ideas about a wellbeing initiative had transformed into a working programme.



Image: Wigram Primary School Principal Heather Walkinshaw, Hon Dr Megan Woods and Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern discussing the Mana Ake initiative at Wigram School with representatives for the school.

What makes a good life?

Last month [“What makes a good life? Children and young people’s views on wellbeing”](#) [PDF] report was released.

This was a collaboration between the Office of the Children’s Commissioner and Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children, supported by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The report includes the views of over 6000 children and young people who were asked what a good life means to them, including what helps and what gets in the way.



Gateway Assessment Programme

Contributing to a brighter future for children and young people

The ‘Gateway programme’ has been up and running in the Canterbury region for seven years and is making a big difference to the health and education of children and young people who have come into the care of Oranga Tamariki or who are involved in a Family Group Conference.

Many Gateway children and their families have a combination of health and education problems that have not been identified or treated prior to them coming into Oranga Tamariki care. Often the complexity of the problems means that no single agency is able to provide the full package of care and services required.

The Gateway programme is a collaboration between Oranga Tamariki, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. [Read more about the Gateway Assessment Programme](#) [PDF] including contact details for your Gateway Assessment Coordinator.

SPACIFICally PACIFIC

The Christchurch secondary schools sPACIFICally PACIFIC initiative is a wonderful symbol of collaboration, and has many events planned throughout the year.

Pacific students celebrated their 2018 NCEA success at the SPACIFICally PACIFIC Supreme Awards on Tuesday 5 March. This was a wonderful event acknowledging achievement. Congratulations to everyone involved. It was a great evening for everyone who attended. Thank you to Christchurch Boys’ High School for hosting this year’s awards.

Schools with enrolment schemes due for review in 2019

If your school is due for an enrolment scheme review in 2019 we will be contacting you this week.

The review process

Under Section 11PA(1) of the Education Act, the board of a state school that has an enrolment scheme needs to:

- (a) review the operation of the enrolment scheme, having regard to the purpose and principles of enrolment schemes; and
- (b) ask the Secretary whether he or she agrees with the board's view about the continuing need for a scheme to prevent overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, at the school.

This must be done before 1 May of the applicable year.

Effectively, this means boards must consider whether:

- the school continues to need an enrolment scheme to prevent overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding at the school
- the scheme, in its present form, promotes fairness and transparency in the selection of students
- the scheme, in its present form, promotes best use of the existing network of state schools in the area
- the scheme excludes local students
- some amendment to the home zone is appropriate.

We will be asking boards whether they wish to retain, amend or withdraw their current enrolment scheme. Further information about the process will be communicated in an email to relevant schools.

Secondary Schools' enrolment scheme consultation

On Monday 11 March, seven Christchurch secondary schools began consulting on their proposed enrolment schemes. The seven secondary schools are: Burnside High School, Haeata Community Campus, Hillmorton High School, Linwood College, Mairehau High School, Papanui High School and Riccarton High School.

Christchurch secondary schools have demonstrated their collective desire to create a network that will have a greater positive impact on their communities. The work is the culmination of seven years of working towards a shared vision, and the secondary schools have taken action to improve an approach to ensuring a sustainable network.

Public consultation will finish on Friday 12 April 2019. Following this the schools will consider all feedback and then make their recommendation to the Ministry of Education. There is more information on each enrolment proposal on www.shapingeducation.govt.nz/secondary including public meeting dates and a link to an online consultation survey.

Grow Waitaha Primary Roadshows

The purpose of the Grow Waitaha Roadshows is simple: teachers supporting teachers in meaningful and practical ways.

There will be a number of workshops offered at each roadshow, including:

- How can you increase student achievement through rich tasks?
- How can you increase your children's ownership and responsibility for their learning?
- How do you utilise technology to create partnerships across your learning community?

The hosting school will also lead a hands on practical workshop and details will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

Next Roadshow

Date: Thursday, 28 March

Time: 3:45pm – 5pm

Venue: West Melton Primary School

[Register here](#)

2019 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards

The Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards opened for entries on Monday 25 February and close on Friday 5 April 2019. These annual awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being done in early learning services, kōhanga reo, ngā puna kohungahunga, schools and kura that supports children and young people to succeed.

There is a new category this year – Excellence in Health and Wellbeing Education, while the 2019 Focus Prize celebrates Excellence in Māori-medium Education. More information is available on the [PM Awards website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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