



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 01 April 2019

Kia ora,

It has been a very emotional and difficult time for us, and we have all been impacted in some way by the recent tragic events. Tens of thousands of people around New Zealand have stood with us, laying flowers, lighting candles, saying prayers and attending vigils. The national remembrance service held in Hagley Park to honour those who died was another opportunity for us to come together to show we do not stand alone. So again thank you, for the support you have given to your students and wider school communities that has shown them they do not stand alone.

There is a lot of very helpful information on the [education website](#) that includes tips for parents, so please share this with your communities. I have also added [this link to Dr Sarb Johal, Psychologist and disaster mental health expert speaking on Radio NZ](#) on how to best support children following the Christchurch mosque shootings.

The number of measles cases in Canterbury has risen and continues to spread. The CDHB has sent an update to all schools and early learning services so please ensure you follow their advice. More information about measles is [available here](#).

Last fortnight's bulletin included information for schools that have enrolment schemes due for review in 2019. We appreciate that this has been a difficult time and if your board feels it is too much to think about at the moment, please give us a call and we can defer until later in Term 2 for you.

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

Leading Lights

Leading Lights website has been updated with information and strategies for schools that may be helpful for teachers and staff supporting students through difficult times. Leading Lights is available to all schools. You can access advice, guidance and information on the [Leading Lights website](#)

For general inquiries about Leading Lights, contact the local Leading Lights team at admin@leadinglights.org.nz.

If you are an education professional in Canterbury wanting access to Leading Lights please [register here](#).

Mana Ake – learning series for education professionals - Year 1 – 8

As part of this learning series, presentations will include:

- Anxiety - strategies for managing avoidance
- Eczema – how teachers can make a difference for pupils with eczema
- Learning difficulties - evidence based strategies for supporting children

There will also be a Leading Lights update. You will find more information [here](#).

Payments for staff during lockdown situations

The link below has information regarding employees that were onsite beyond their hours of work for the lock down.

[Information for Boards of Trustees regarding additional payments for staff during lockdown situations.](#)

Boards, as employers, will need to determine if staff were working during the period of the lockdown in order to determine if they are entitled to an additional payment. As employers, boards may also want to consider whether they would meet any additional expenses incurred by an employee where the employee's arrangements were disturbed by the lock down (for example childcare costs). Any such payments would come out of board funds.

Update: Schools with enrolment schemes due for review in 2019

If your school is due for an enrolment scheme review in 2019, we will have contacted you last week.

The review process must be done before 1 May of the applicable year but, as I have mentioned earlier, this has been a very difficult time for us and your board may like to defer this until later in Term 2. If so, please contact your education advisor to arrange a more suitable time for your board to consider whether they wish to retain, amend or withdraw their current enrolment scheme.

I hope you manage to find some time to relax with friends and family over the term break. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any concerns during this time or if you need to talk about support you might need for the beginning of Term 2.

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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