



Canterbury and Chatham Islands

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Kia ora,

I hope you all managed to have a restful term break. At the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2, some of our schools marked some special milestones.

Linwood College's original buildings are scheduled for demolition in preparation for their rebuild and at the end of Term 1, the school had a farewell celebration weekend. Former students and many others who have been involved with the college came together to celebrate and recognise the school's many achievements over the past 65 years. Linwood College will operate from the former Avonside Girls' High School site during their rebuild.

On the last day of Term 1, Diamond Harbour School was joined by their community and Ministry staff to celebrate the beginning of the construction stage of their redevelopment. Much hard work has taken place to get to this point and a sod turning ceremony was held to mark the occasion. Key aspects of their redevelopment include the total refurbishment of the school's main teaching block and the building of a new administration block.

To mark the start of construction of new school Te Matauru Primary School in Rangiora, the local community joined the foundation principal Danny Nicholls and establishment board members at a sod turning ceremony. The school name, meaning "eyes to the west", was gifted to the school by the Tuahiwi runanga, Ngai Tuahuriri.

Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery School returned to central Christchurch at the beginning of Term 2. The school has been operating in Halswell and Ilam since losing their central city premises in the earthquakes. Congratulations to everyone involved in this redevelopment; I know how excited the school is to be back in the city.

Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School moved from their original sites at the end of the Term 1 to their new state of the art campus at the beginning of this term. Ferndale Schools' secondary-level satellite unit will also be co-located on the site. We have worked closely with the schools to ensure the new campus meets each school's approach to teaching and learning. The co-location of Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' High Schools will provide a significant opportunity for the two schools. They will be able to collaborate in a range of ways while continuing to operate independently, maintaining their individual character and focus. Both schools will continue their long and proud histories of delivering high quality single sex education.

SPACPAC Canterbury Polyfest was held on Saturday 4 May. Seventeen secondary schools celebrated their Pacific youth through cultural performance. A full story and images of this amazing event will be in the next bulletin.

Fire Prevention during holiday break update

We had no incidents that resulted in damage to school property over the holiday period. Again this highlights the excellent work that is being done across schools to take action to prevent fires occurring.

Please see [attached message from Fire Emergency New Zealand](#) thanking you for your actions preventing incidents of fire and damage to schools.



Bullying-Free NZ Week 2019

This year's [Bullying-Free NZ Week](#) starts on 13 May, ending on 17 May – the Mental Health Foundation's [Pink Shirt Day \(external link\)](#).

The theme this year is 'Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!' The week provides a great opportunity for students to celebrate what makes them unique – such as talents, interests, appearance, disability, culture, beliefs, race, gender or sexuality – and to encourage schools to build environments where everyone is welcome, safe and free from bullying.

[Find out more and download resources](#) including our activity pack, competition details and DIY poster.

Request for Support form email address

Reminder that you can request a copy of the Request for Support form by emailing: referrals.canterbury@education.govt.nz

Requests for support can be made by contacting our local learning support service managers directly to discuss how we may be able to provide support. Alternatively you can download the [Request for Support form](#) from our website.

Lockdown Review

We sent an outline of the lockdown review approach to you at the beginning of the term that includes survey, interview, workshop and focus group opportunities. This review is sector-led engagement and will require on-going involvement from the steering group to ensure it is meeting your needs. The review will identify aspects that were well managed and areas for improvement or further consideration. This process will be completed early July and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PLD Proposal Submissions

Reminder that PLD proposal submissions deadline for term 2 is 24 May. You can find more information about [contacts and key dates throughout the year](#). For submissions of PLD proposals and any queries please email: pldcanterbury@education.govt.nz

Alike and Different, One and Many

Professional Development opportunity - new entrant teachers

The catalyst for this forum being held on **Saturday 25 May for early childhood centres and new entrant teachers** was the tragic events that took place in Christchurch on March 15. Recent events demand empathy, respect and deep reflection on the meaning of these experiences to minimise harm and build children's resilience and optimism. The forum will be addressing two inter-connected topics that affect your work as educators:

- Helping children to make meaning of tragic events; and
- Addressing diversity and difference in ways that go beyond the superficial and stereotypical.

When: 25 May | 9:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Ministry of Education Office, 48 Hereford St Christchurch

The Forum will include presentations, a panel discussion, small group work and many opportunities for participants to share their experiences, insights, questions and reflections and to listen to those of others. [You will find more information about how to register here.](#)

The Future of Learning Conference

By Think Beyond and Recalibrate

A two-day national conference where international and local experts in their fields will guide, educate and challenge participants through a journey of future technology scenarios and possibilities.

The Future of Learning 2019 brings together professionals from education (primary, secondary and tertiary), business, government and community groups who have an interest in the interaction of technology and humanity to create the future of learning.

The conference will be held 30 September – 01 October at the Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College. You can [register here and you will find updated on the Future of Learning website.](#)

Oxford Area School students pay tribute to those who fought in WW1

Anzac memorial builds student understanding of conflict



As well as learning about three curriculum areas, Oxford Area School students are paying tribute to those who fought in World War I.

Mural painted by Oxford Area School students. [You can read the full story 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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