



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 21 October 2019

Kia ora,

We remain mindful of the accused mosque shooter court appearances and consequent media reporting which may impact on some of your staff, students and whānau. The next scheduled court appearance of the accused is 12 December.

We are asking schools to be particularly vigilant where they know children and families were directly affected by this event. We have a focus on intervening early and ensuring families are well supported, regardless of whether their children are showing signs of distress. Please talk with any of the professionals working with your school community including Fiona Bartley from our office, RTLB school liaison, public health nurse, school based mental health team and Mana Ake liaison kaimahi to ensure families are connected with appropriate support in a timely way.

The agencies supporting children and families who have experienced trauma relating to March 15 have developed an agreed pathway now on [Leading Lights](#). A reminder we have advice on [reassuring children and young people and helping them feel safe on our website](#) and what to look for in a child's emotional state. We also have information on [providing guidance to children and young people](#). Further information for supporting families is available on the [Canterbury Resilience Hub](#)

It is critical to look after your own wellbeing and your teams; should you wish to discuss any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

FLAVA Festival | Ka Toi Māori o Aoraki

The eighth FLAVA Festival, 'Ka Toi Māori o Aoraki', was held at the Theatre Royal last term. Schools and early learning services from the Aoraki region, between the Waitaki and Rakaia rivers, took part in kapa haka, performing arts and contributed to visual arts.

The FLAVA festival is growing in numbers every year and provides students with an opportunity to discover and experience a breathtaking lens into Te Ao Māori (the world of Māori) and an awe-inspiring opportunity to showcase their wonderful talent.

Once again, the festival was a huge success, with the Theatre Royal packed to capacity. Groups had clearly devoted long hours to perfecting their skills and treated the audience to some incredibly colourful and exciting performances.



Image: Performer from Arowhenua Maori School Kapa Haka who won the junior section at the FLAVA Festival

Ministry of Education secondment opportunities – Term 1 & 2, 2020

The Ministry of Education supports the education sector with advice, information and resources as well as policy advice to government. We employ around 3,500 staff around the country to include approximately 1,600 in learning support roles.

The Canterbury Chatham Islands region is currently seeking interest from people who enjoy variety, a challenge and would like to work with our fantastic regional team. For Terms 1 & 2 of the 2020 school year we have a range of secondment opportunities supporting us with improving educational achievement for all students/children.

If you are interested please contact Ann-Maree Fuller, senior HR advisor at ann-maree.fuller@education.govt.nz.

Russley School

After accidental fire gutted four classrooms at Russley School on 17 September, 120 Year 7/8 students will be relocated to a new campus at the University of Canterbury's Dovedale Avenue site for Term 4. This space was previously occupied by Discovery and Unlimited School.

The Fire Investigation team provided staff and students with outstanding ongoing advice and support. Numerous well-wishing messages have been received from schools, community groups and individuals.



At the end of Term 3, Mitre 10 Mega Hornby/Papanui/Ferrymead provided students with a fun afternoon of bouncy castles and a sausage sizzle where Christchurch Cool Stores donated Charlie's Juices.

Grow Waitaha events

Play Based Learning Forum

Schools will share how they have designed their play-based learning approach, the why and how of successful implementation.

Details: Wednesday 30 October, 4pm – 6pm, St Teresa's School Riccarton.

[Click here to register](#)

Wellbeing Activator – Strengths Based Approach

Learn about various ways educators are focussing on strengths in the classroom from enrolments right through to prize-giving.

Details: Wednesday 20 November, 1.30 – 4pm, McFaddens Centre St Albans.

[Click here to register](#)

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

Learning series for education professionals

The Mana Ake team would like to invite you to attend the next professional development session on:

Gender Identity and Gender Diversity

How do children know they are 'not the gender assigned at birth'? How common is it? How can schools best support these children?

Self-Harm

Why do children self-harm? How can schools support children who self-harm? How psychologists support children who self-harm

Date: 6 November

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Venue: La Vida, 34a Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

Cost: No Charge

[Click here for more information and to book online](#) or email ProfDev@leadinglights.org.nz

You Matter to Us initiative

The You Matter to Us wellbeing team (led by NZ Police and Ministry of Education comprising 18 partner agencies and non-government agencies) was established to reduce harm and impact on intergenerational crime in a neighbourhood in East Christchurch. The team works with the community to reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences that may lead to negative outcomes (including pathways into crime) later in life and build a safer, stronger community. Teams identify vulnerable children to ensure they participate in early childhood education and have access to health and social services.

The initiative is an outstanding example of how working together makes a real difference in helping our communities. This year at the NZ Problem-Orientated Policing (POP) Awards the You Matter to Us initiative won the Excellence in Reducing Harm from Crime category. Congratulations to everyone involved in this work.

In November, police officers, crime consultants and crime researchers will meet to discuss what they have learned to reduce crime and safety problems at the international Annual Problem-Oriented Policing Conference in California.

In addition to the conference, police agencies that successfully resolve recurring community crime or disorder problems are eligible to submit their project for the Herman Goldstein Awards. You Matter to Us will be presented as one of the finalists in the awards.

Finalists present at the conference where winners are announced. Judges consider a number of factors to include the depth of problem, analysis, development of clear and realistic response goals, relevant measures of effectiveness and involvement of people and other organisations in problem resolution.

Read more about the Herman Goldstein Awards on the [Centre for Problem-Orientated Policing](#)

Centrally-funded PLD – Term 4 reminder

PLD proposal submission deadline for Term 4 is this Friday 25 October.

Further information on [centrally-funded PLD](#) is on our website.

For submission of PLD proposals, queries or clarifications about the process please email pldcanterbury@education.govt.nz

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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