



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 16 March 2020

Kia ora,

I would like to acknowledge the work of principal Sue Walls of South New Brighton School, her staff, students and community following the fire onsite on Friday 6 March. The loss of belongings and resources is terrible for the teachers and students affected. Ministry teams are working together to support the school to ensure they have what they need.

Youthline for Muslims



This service provides online support for young people between 12 and 16 who may be struggling or need an ally to chat with. If this seems helpful for your students visit [Youthline Online Support – Assalamu Alaikum](#)

Canterbury Somali Association

The Canterbury Somali Association works with their community to help them to be more engaged and enable them to fully participate in New Zealand society. They are working with a wide range of organisations and you can read [Canterbury Somali Association's Letter of Introduction \[PDF\]](#) which includes contact information to assist you to support your Somali students and their families.

Education Gazette

An outpouring of support and solidarity.

The staff and families of An Nur early learning service have experienced an outpouring of support since the tragic events of 15 March last year.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Latest interagency news

A reminder that you can find the latest [interagency newsletter here](#) with updates from local agencies working to support people after the 15 March attacks.

Feel free to share this information with your networks.

Northcote School

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern visited Northcote School on Friday 6 March with Minister Megan Woods and MP for Christchurch Central Duncan Webb. This was a great opportunity for Principal Justin Perriam to showcase school initiatives and introduce staff, students and community volunteers to the visiting guests.



The Queen's Commonwealth Essay competition

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international schools' writing competition and has been run by The Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883.

The 2020 competition was launched last year in Christchurch. Building on the 2019 theme of 'A Connected Commonwealth', this year's topics draw on the increasing youth movement across the Commonwealth and the ongoing climate crisis. Young people are called upon to consider their position and power in bringing about change, and how the Commonwealth can be used as a tool for positive action. The final panel of expert judges described entries to the competition in 2019 as 'massively memorable', 'original' and 'very powerful'. They expect a similarly high calibre of writing for 2020.

For 2020, they want to hear from our young people. All stories are important and all voices matter. Entries are accepted, until 5pm, 30 June 2020. You can [find more information about the competition here](#).

Canterbury Polyfest

This year's Canterbury Polyfest marked 20 years of the event being held in Christchurch! It is such an awesome event and I look forward to sharing photos and stories with you in the next bulletin.

Property

Allocation review

We pay heat, light and water (HLW) funding to help boards of trustees with power, fuel and water costs.

You can apply in writing for an allocation review of your HLW costs, providing the actual costs have increased by at least 10 percent over the allocated costs. There must also be a justifiable reason for the increase, for example, if additional classrooms have been added to the school. An increase in power rates or usage in itself is not a reason for a review of HLW allocation.

You must provide copies of ledgers, providing they clearly show the cost breakdown, or the last full years' accounts.

For more information, contact resourcing@education.govt.nz, or go to [our website](#). You will also find [specific forms and resourcing here](#).

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As always, 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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