



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 10 September 2018

### Kia ora,

A lot has happened since the magnitude 7.1 earthquake on 04 September 2010 that severely damaged a number of our schools.

The strength of our communities since then is seen every day in our schools and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, in particular, the staff and teachers who have done an amazing job through some challenging times.

Christchurch primary and intermediate schools' Cultural Festival last week was a spectacular showcase of multicultural performance and wearable and visual art. Congratulations to everyone involved; what a wonderful way to celebrate the many vibrant cultures in our schools. The festival website has a [photo gallery](#) capturing this fantastic event and you can watch your school performance on the festival [YouTube channel](#).

Education Minister, Hon Chris Hipkins was in Christchurch last month where principals had the opportunity to discuss a varying range of topics. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and share concerns, stories and ideas about building a better education system. We look forward to hosting the Minister again.

Waituna Creek School was the winner of the Small Business Award at South Canterbury's annual business awards in Timaru last month. The awards recognise excellence, innovation and success in the South Canterbury region. See Waituna Creek's application for the awards "[Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi](#)" "[Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work](#)" [here](#). Congratulations to everyone involved; this is such an awesome achievement.

The recent Innovation Summit in Christchurch was a great opportunity to hear from some inspiring presenters. I am sure those of you who attended came away with new and innovative ideas and strategies for your school.

Successful students from the New Zealand Graduate School of Education were awarded their Graduate Diploma in Teaching at a ceremony last month. Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishment; we wish you all the best for your future.

It was great to have so many people attend the inter-agency workshops "recognising and responding to vulnerability in children and young people". Thank you to everyone involved in the workshops that focused on some very challenging issues for our community. It was also a great opportunity for our schools to meet key members of partner agencies Pegasus Health, Oranga Tamariki, NZ Police and the Department of Corrections.

## Enrolment Schemes

Amendments to a school's enrolment scheme become necessary for a variety of reasons ranging from the development of a new housing area, unforeseen in-zone roll growth or shifting school population patterns. In cases where several boards in an area are developing schemes at the same time, it might be beneficial to meet jointly and consult with each other, checking that all the home zones mesh neatly.

Please contact us if your board is considering amending or developing an enrolment scheme or if you believe your school no longer needs an enrolment scheme. Your education advisor can provide information and data to help you and they can also assist you with any questions you may have about your current scheme.

The Ministry recommends that boards should be cautious and prudent in offering places to out-of-zone students. With schools planning for next year, boards need to remember that students living within the home zone have an absolute right to be enrolled. A board should not enrol so many out-of-zone students that the capacity of the school would be exceeded if a late rush in applications were to come in from home zone students.

Legislation provides clear guidance to boards on the development of enrolment schemes. [Education Act 1989](#).

Our website has information to assist state and state integrated schools with enrolment schemes including [guidelines to develop and operate enrolment schemes](#).

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## Changes across the greater Christchurch area

We would like to invite all state school principals and board chairs to attend a meeting on **Thursday 20 September from 5.30 – 7.00 pm** to look at the changes that have occurred to the school age population and the schooling network across the greater Christchurch area since 2010.

This has been a time of tremendous change, which has brought with it both challenges and opportunities for students in our communities.

There will be a presentation by Coralanne Child, Director of Education, and an opportunity to discuss the changes in the school age population and the education network that have occurred during the 2010 to 2018 period across primary, intermediate and secondary education provision in Christchurch City, Selwyn, and Waimakariri Districts.

**Date:** Thursday 20 September

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.00pm

**Venue:** Ground Floor, Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford Street

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by emailing [Events.Christchurch@education.govt.nz](mailto:Events.Christchurch@education.govt.nz) by **Wednesday 12 September**. Please note that for building health and safety reasons, the maximum seating capacity in this room is 120.

If you have questions, please contact Garry Williams, Manager Education  
[garry.williams@education.govt.nz](mailto:garry.williams@education.govt.nz)

## Grow Waitaha

The Grow Waitaha team has developed [the Innovative Learning Model: Sharing Key Messages](#) prototype to support those schools that are moving towards innovative learning environments, flexible learning spaces and collaborative teaching.

This guide will help principals and boards with their communications around the changing face of our schools.

Representatives from the three principals' associations helped create this resource, based on their experiences and observations. The prototype is now available for you to use if you wish.

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## Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

The Mana Ake project design has been realigned in response to the shift from the initial development phase to ongoing implementation and service improvement.

This new phase will see a Practice Lead role complement the existing project structure and realign the current work groups to focus on enhancing practice and implementation support for schools, kaimahi and providers.

More information is available on the [CCN website](#)

Information on the site is being constantly revised and updated in response to feedback received through the 'send feedback' button.

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## Interesting Fact

Canterbury is increasingly more diverse, and the rate of growth in diversity has increased in recent years.

In the Canterbury and Chatham Islands' education region, the proportion of students identifying as Māori increased from 10.6% in 2007 to 14.2% in 2017, the proportion of students identifying as Pasifika increased from 3.0% in 2007 to 4.3% in 2017, and the proportion of students identifying as Asian increased from 5.1% in 2007 to 9.5% in 2017.

Across Canterbury as a whole, the total number of Year 1-8 students increased by 7% between 2007 and 2017.

The total number of Year 1-8 students in Ashburton District increased by 22% between 2007 and 2017, and the total number of Year 1-8 students in Selwyn District increased by 65%.

This information was sourced from [Education Counts](#).

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## Braveheart Christchurch

Co-founder of Braveheart Christchurch, Andrew Murray recently presented some heart-warming and inspiring stories of Canterbury heroes to the team at the Christchurch office. There are hundreds of stories of people who, out of adversity, had the courage to take a risk, to try something new and in doing so have helped improve the lives of people in their community. You can read the stories and learn more about [Braveheart Christchurch on their website](#).



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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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