



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 19 March 2018

Kia ora,

Last week I had the privilege of turning the sod at the blessing ceremony to mark the start of construction of the new Knight's Stream School in Halswell.

This is another great milestone for greater Christchurch and shows the continued progress being made in the education renewal and rebuild programme.

Congratulations to the Establishment Board of Trustees chaired by Warren Read and to Foundation Principal Mike Molly. The team have had a number of items to juggle in a short space of time, and it is impressive what they have achieved to date.



Image: Canterbury Director of Education Coralanne Child, assisted by two Foundation Pupils Ben Wall and Rosa Eccleshall

I would also like to acknowledge the team from Waitaha School, Principal Margaret Dodds and Board Chair James Baxter for their work with Knight's Stream School, ensuring the success of another new satellite. Like many of you they are both becoming experts in construction projects and I thank them for the time spent working with us.

Congratulations to all those involved in this year's SPACIFICally PACIFIC Polyfest Canterbury 2018. Canterbury Polyfest provides the opportunity for secondary school students from across the Canterbury region to celebrate and showcase their Pasifika language and identity through song and dance to reflect the diverse Pasifika cultures residing in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It is another wonderful example of Pasifika success and our next bulletin will include feature pictures and stories from the weekend. You can stay updated through the [sPacifically Pacific facebook](#) and the [Ministry for Pacific Peoples website](#).

Last week we hosted an information meeting facilitated by the CDHB on the additional support being made available for year 1 - 8 students in greater Christchurch and Kaikoura. This support will help promote and sustain wellbeing and increase access to services when mental health concerns are identified. For those of you who were unable to attend I have attached the [CDHB presentation](#).

Most of you will now be aware that this will be trialled in two Kāhui Ako, before being extended across greater Christchurch and Kaikoura. This will allow for the development of a larger scale response in 2019 to address the wider challenges that children and their families may be facing. I will keep you updated as this new initiative is developed.

sPACIFICally PACIFIC Supreme Academic Awards 2018

For the last 18 years the Christchurch secondary schools sPACIFICally PACIFIC initiative has been a symbol of collaboration for the Pasifika Education Plan. The sPACPAC Supreme Academic Awards are a celebration the success of Pasifika students’.

Congratulations to the sPACPAC Collective and the respective ministries, agencies and organisations involved in another successful awards evening. The evening was a great celebration enjoyed by students, parents, educators and the wider Pasifika community.

What a great evening for everyone who attended and thank you to Catholic Cathedral College for your role as host school.



Canterbury School Tour

Staff from Warkworth School headed south last week to visit Breens Intermediate, Marshland, Rāwhiti, Waimairi and Clearview schools.

Visits are a valuable opportunity for schools to share knowledge and experiences to help each other. They create an opportunity for principals and teachers to see how other schools are getting the maximum teaching and learning benefit from their learning environments.

I know the Warkworth team will have learned so much from all of you and appreciated the opportunity to see learners in action.

School supplies to Tonga

The recent cyclones left many Pacific schools in desperate need of school furniture. Teams connecting with people and communities in Tonga and the neighbouring islands have been in Christchurch investigating whether we could contribute with surplus furniture and equipment.

The response from our Canterbury schools has been overwhelming. Thank you so much for your support as we assembled the inventory of furniture and equipment that we could send to the islands. I look forward to updating you further in later bulletins.

Additional Support following recent cyclones

Although our inventory is completed and being readied for collection and shipping there is still an opportunity if your school has furniture and equipment available for Samoa after Cyclone Gita.

A group are helping to organise relief aid for Manumalo Baptist School in Apia. The primary school of more than 600 students in three locations in Samoa was severely damaged by the cyclone with water flowing through the school ruining furniture, offices, the computer lab, and the library. The school needs desks, chairs, computers, books, sports equipment to replace those damaged.

Please contact Sandy Watson 03 310 7066 or sandywatsonmusicnz@gmail.com if you have supplies available. The cost of collection, the container and shipping from Christchurch to Apia will be covered by the Apia school and ideally they would like to send the container in the next week.

Thank you for your support.

Fire Awareness and Intervention Programme

The [*Fire Awareness and Intervention Programme \(FAIP\)*](#) developed by Fire and Emergency NZ aims to stop children from lighting fires. It does this by raising their awareness of the dangers of fires and the consequences of lighting fires.

The programme is free, confidential and voluntary (except for referrals from the Police or the court), and is for children and young adults.

The programme is delivered by specially trained firefighters in the children's homes. Education and behaviour modification resources are used to correct the child's fire lighting behaviour.

Typically the programme would involve two meetings with the child, taking about two hours in total.

To find out more

- Information for [teachers and schools](#)
- About the [Get Firewise programme](#)

Upcoming Events

sPACPAC Events

Below is a calendar for the upcoming secondary school Pasifika events happening over the next three months in Christchurch. These events are an open invitation to staff, family and friends to attend and enjoy.

[Click here for the list of sPACPAC events.](#)

Grow Waitaha events update

Grow Waitaha makes a range of free events available to the community, including workshops, forums and communities of practice. The website is regularly updated with new events and you can [read more information and register for events here.](#)

Updated School Visits for Term 1 and 2, 2018

A reminder that we are offering school visits to a range of schools across Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area who are working in a variety of flexible learning environments.

Here is an [updated list of facilitated and non-facilitated school visits](#) in Canterbury for term 1 and 2.

If you would like to book a visit then please email CHCHSchools.Rebuild@education.govt.nz.

Please provide your name and contact details, the school you are from, the number of visitors you want to be accommodated, the school(s) you want to visit and what day (a second choice date is also useful). Some schools are flexible as to what day and time they can have visits. **It is really important that you book your visit to confirm your place on the tour.**

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 at Coralanne.child@education.govt.nz I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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