



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 04 April 2018

### Kia ora,

We have celebrated many events and undertaken a significant amount of work in this first term, including the very successful Polyfest. As we near the end of the term there are no signs of this slowing down with Gilberthorpe Primary School celebrating the completion and official opening of their building project before the end of this term.

The new primary school in Lincoln Ararira Springs School marked the start of their construction with a sod turning last week. The new school will be built in two stages with stage one scheduled to be completed early 2019.

The recent Kāhui Ako Change Management Symposium, was a great success. A number of our staff attended alongside the Kāhui Ako principals. We have had incredibly positive feedback, with some principals saying it was one of the most enjoyable PLD opportunities they have had.

The workshops included resources, strategies or ideas that Kāhui Ako leaders could take and apply to their own context. The size of workshops also promoted deep and rich dialogue from all participants. Thank you to everyone involved in this event.

A reminder that it is important your charter is in place by the start of the school year so that it can inform teaching and learning for the first day of term one. Your school or kura are required to submit your charter and analysis of variance to the Ministry of Education by 1 March each year.

The [Charters and Analysis of Variance - guidance for schools and kura](#) provides some practical advice and examples of how your board can develop the strategic and annual planning sections of your charter and report student progress and achievement in your analysis of variance. There is also further information available: [Examples of school's planning and reporting documents](#) and resources on the NZSTA website under [Effective Governance](#).



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### Learning Support Funding Notices

Please note to keep children's information safe Learning Support Funding Notices (HO3s and HO7s) will now only be sent to principals and to a school office or admin address (where available). If additional staff within your school require this information we ask that you forward this to them.

## Safe to talk He pai ki te kōrero helpline

Safe to talk is a new helpline available for people in Canterbury which provides information and support to anyone affected by sexual harm in any way. It's free, confidential and available 24/7.

There are a few ways to get in touch, by calling 0800 044 334, texting 4334, emailing [support@safetotalk.nz](mailto:support@safetotalk.nz). You can also find more info by visiting [www.safetotalk.nz](http://www.safetotalk.nz) - webchat is available there too. The service has started in Canterbury and goes live nationwide in April.



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## Digital Readiness Programme

The Digital Readiness Programme is a three-year programme supporting the digital readiness and capability of teachers, kaiako, and principals in schools, kura and Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako, as part of the introduction of the new curriculum content.

The programme will introduce the Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matihiko components of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa to teachers, kaiako, principals and tumuaki in both English and Māori mediums settings. It provides an understanding of the new curriculum design and content and how it can be incorporated into teaching and learning programmes.

More information about Digital Technology professional support and how to apply [can be found here](#)

Other helpful links:

[Equipping students with skills for Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matihiko learning Technology online](#)  
[Hangarau Matihiko](#)

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## Making a difference to student wellbeing

This [infographic from NZCER](#) was developed from data gathered from the Wellbeing@school programme.

The research summary aims to give schools practice ideas about ways to enhance students' wellbeing and decrease aggressive and bullying behaviour.

## SPACIFICally PACific Polyfest Canterbury 2018

Polyfest brings together secondary school students to showcase their talent by performing an array of cultural performances, song and dance composed to fit aspects of their respective cultures.

An incredible number of students took to the stage in Christchurch to participate in yet another magnificent Polyfest event.

It is estimated that a crowd of about 8000 attended the event throughout the day, and they were treated to performances from 19 secondary schools from across the Upper South Island.

It was great to have so many come early, set up their picnic spot and enjoy the food of the Pacific and sights and sounds of our youth.



Congratulations to all those involved; the performers, schools and all the families, friends and staff who supported it. What an amazing day celebrating our Pasifika youth through performance.

This fortnight's bulletin would be nearly 100 pages long if I included all the wonderful images we have from the day. I have included a few for you to enjoy. Again awesome job to everyone who took part on stage or behind the scenes supporting the performers.

## Youth Development Unit at Burnham Military Camp

### Service Academy Induction Course

The Youth Development Unit at Burnham Military Camp runs programmes that support the Ministry of Education service academies. Students from academies attend Burnham for five separate activities throughout the school year and these commence with an induction course which runs for two weeks.

These courses use a variety of military environments and tasks to help participants learn the value of life skills, self-discipline, personal and moral responsibility, and respect for self and others.

The most recent introduction course at Burnham culminated with a formal Graduation Parade last week for 52 students from Haeata Community Campus (Christchurch), Aurora College (Invercargill), Mawherea Service Academy (West Coast) and Opihi Service Academy (Timaru YMCA).



Part of the parade included an inspection and pep talk from Burnside High School Principal and Chairperson of the Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals Association, Phil Holstein who was the 'Reviewing Officer' at this year's graduation.

Service academies provide a structured academic programme supplemented with physical activity for students who may otherwise have left school without qualifications.

A list of service academies, as well as additional information, can be found [on our TKI website](#).

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I hope you will find some time to relax after what has been a really busy start to the year.

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](mailto:Coralanne.child@education.govt.nz) I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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