

# Canterbury Regional News

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## *Kia ora,*

Last week was the fifth anniversary of the September 2010 7.1 magnitude earthquake. This was a notable day for Canterbury and we are acutely aware the impact of decisions made in the wake of the traumatic events of 2010 and 2011 will be felt not only by today's children, but by future generations. Thank you all for your support as we continue to meet the educational needs of children and young people, and support social, cultural and economic recovery.

On the 1st September the Ashburton community marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic events that took place at the Ashburton Work and Income office. We know this is an incredibly hard journey for everyone involved and our thoughts and support are with everyone affected.

The Ministerial Cross-Sector Forum was also held last week; this was a great opportunity for us as a region to provide collaborative cross-sector leadership and advice to the Minister. This Forum brings together leaders to share and exchange information, which is then shared with our communities.

I have mentioned in earlier newsletters that as our city continues to experience change we are keen to share this information with you. We met with our secondary colleagues a few months ago and we have now prepared information for our primary colleagues and state integrated schools. You can read more regarding this further on in the newsletter. For our independent colleagues we are preparing information for you now and will have that for you shortly.

In this newsletter there are details about a competition open to all children in Canterbury in school years 1 – 8. Please download for your teachers and students.

Mā te wā,

**Coralanne Child**

*Director of Education for Canterbury*



*Creating an education network that inspires children to reach their full potential.*

## Principal meetings

We would like to invite our principals and board chairs or a representative including Selwyn and Waimakariri to discuss demographic changes across Canterbury. I hope you can attend. For our independent colleagues we are preparing information for you now.

### State primary schools

Date: Tuesday 22 September 2015  
Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
Venue: Christian Cullen Lounge,  
Addington Events Centre,  
75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington  
RSVP: Erin.King@education.govt.nz  
Before Tuesday 15 September 2015

### State integrated schools

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2015  
Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
Venue: Christian Cullen Lounge,  
Addington Events Centre,  
75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington  
RSVP: Erin.King@education.govt.nz  
Before Thursday 24 September 2015

## Chatham Islands

I had the pleasure of visiting the Chatham Islands in August. Thank you to those who facilitated the visit, your guidance and assistance was much appreciated.

Chatham Island has three early childhood services for the under fives: a Kohanga Reo and playgroups at Te One, and Kaingaroa. There are three primary schools: two on Chatham Island (Te One and Kaingaroa) and one on Pitt Island.



The majority of secondary school-aged students leave the island for boarding schools in mainland New Zealand. A small number remain on the island and carry out their secondary education through correspondence.

Thank you to Kaingaroa School for your gift of honey. Having bee hives is a great idea and a wonderful way to raise young people's awareness of the environment.



*Building a new and better future for education and for the community*

## Grow Waitaha (Transformation)

The Canterbury earthquakes presented the region with many challenges. Our aim is to turn those challenges into opportunities that support a vision of greater Christchurch as the leading education community in New Zealand, with every child and young person engaged in learning and reaching their potential.

A programme has been developed after conversations with principals and sector leaders regarding the need for support and a framework for professional learning to assist teachers develop innovative collaborative teaching and learning, and to assist educational leaders embrace emerging pedagogies.

We have been working with Mātauraka Mahaanui and four external providers to develop a programme to support the transformation process in schools as they look towards teaching and learning in different ways. We now have a model put together for the programme which we are calling 'Grow Waitaha'.

This is available to all schools in Canterbury and we will work with schools to ensure the right support is available at the right time. Priority will be given to schools in or entering the CSR Programme, and schools undergoing major rebuild and development in Canterbury.

To find out how to access the programme please contact the project lead, Simon Blatchford on 027 706 6820 or [simon.blatchford@education.govt.nz](mailto:simon.blatchford@education.govt.nz) or [click here](#) for more information.

## Provision of Year 7 and 8 Technology Update

The following is an update and summary of feedback received at the end of the last phase of the consultation. Please [click here](#) for a project update. The technology working group that has been formed will provide more detail around the suggested ideas submitted from the initial consultation and explore the implications. We will continue to share this information with you.

If you have any queries please contact [Tim.Maxwell@education.govt.nz](mailto:Tim.Maxwell@education.govt.nz)





*Putting children at the centre of their learning*

## Prevention advice for principals

Recently one of our primary schools was targeted and burgled. Items stolen included a large number of electronic items and as a result we have been provided with sound helpful advice. It is highly likely that schools will be continually targeted; please [click here](#) for information regarding practical security measures you can put in place.

## CERA – Children’s Art Competition

**The Tremendous Tatty Patchwork Competition – fun for the whole class!**

**The Margaret Mahy Family Playground is opening soon in central Christchurch.**

In the build-up to the opening we’re running an art competition for Canterbury children called The Tremendous Tatty Patchwork Competition. We’d love your students to get involved and help create a giant patchwork to decorate signage and buildings on the playground site – just like Selina and her grandmother, Mrs Polly, who created magnificent patchworks in Margaret Mahy’s story The Tatty Patchwork Rubbish Dump Dancers (From The Chewing Gum Rescue and other stories).



We’re asking children to create a single patch inspired by nature and the Canterbury region – cityscapes, landscapes, plant-life, wild-life, mountain tops or sea beds – the possibilities are endless. Patches can be made of any materials – drawn, painted, collage, woven, knitted, sewn – as long as they are submitted on the entry form template, downloadable from the [Future Christchurch website](#).

All Canterbury children from school years 1 to 8 are eligible to enter. The judges will be looking for artworks that are creative, colourful and Cantabrian. It’s time to get arty and crafty, sticky and stitchy! Entries close 5pm 14 October 2015

Visit [futurechristchurch.co.nz](http://futurechristchurch.co.nz) for more information. [Click here for a copy of the entry form](#).