

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

It has been an action packed New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Canterbury and more importantly it is a busy time for students as they sit their exams. I wish all your senior students all the very best with these.

In this newsletter there is an important reminder regarding Ministry of Education consultation on the Education Act 1989. We want to know your views about the proposals presented in the [discussion document](#). We are holding workshops in the region on the proposed changes to the Act.

There is also an update on Grow Waitaha. As many of you will be aware Grow Waitaha has been developed to embrace existing and emerging expertise within the Canterbury education context and harness it to build capacity across the region.

Grow Waitaha supports schools and centres to develop innovative, collaborative, responsive teaching and learning, and for educational leaders to embrace emerging pedagogies. You will find information on forums that are open to primary and secondary schools in Canterbury later in the newsletter.



I had the pleasure of attending the Upper Riccarton Pasifika achievement evening last week. This was a celebration of the outstanding successes of the students and was also an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of parents and staff helping to raise the achievement levels of our Pasifika students. This is another example of the Ministry and a learning community working collaboratively to ensure that all young people can acquire the skills and qualifications that enable them to make their own futures and contribute to the region's future.

Image: Riccarton Primary School Principal Paul Irving and St Thomas' School Principal Christine O'Neill

We would appreciate if you could print this newsletter and place it in your staff room and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us; we are always happy to hear from you.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Grow Waitaha

Learners at the centre of change

Tau Tahi, Tipu Tahi! Collaborating together, Growing Together!

Grow Waitaha is a Ministry of Education funded project in partnership with Mātauraka Mahaanui (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Mātā Waka Advisory Board) delivered by an alliance of four providers, Core Education, Evaluation Associates, Leadership Lab and Massey University School of Design.

Grow Waitaha supports the Christchurch Schools Rebuild (CSR) programme by focusing on the education inside the buildings, enabling a better understanding of spaces required for innovative and future focused education.

Forums for Term 4

There are still spaces available for some of these forums. These sessions are free to attend and are open to all schools in Canterbury however schools are expected to cover the release of staff.

- Facilitating stakeholder engagement, Tuesday November 10, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Frameworks and tools for enabling co-teaching practice, Thursday November 12, 1:00pm – 4:00pm - **Fully Subscribed**
- Introduction to Cultural Narratives, Tuesday November 17, 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Culturally responsive practice, Tuesday November 17, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Student agency and the secondary transition, Monday 23rd November, 9:00 – 11:30pm

We recognise Term 4 is a busy time and therefore schools are invited to select up to two staff to attend each forum they're interested in. If it is not suitable to attend sessions in Term 4 we intend repeating some or all of them again along with other opportunities in 2016.

For more details on Grown Waitaha and registration details please go to the [website](#)



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

Education Act 1989

Reminder: The Ministry of Education is consulting about updating the Education Act 1989. We want to know your views about the proposals presented in the discussion document. We are holding workshops in the region on the proposed changes to the Act.

Workshops	Venue	Dates	Time	RSVP by
North Canterbury	The Tin Shed (Amberley Pavilion), Douglas Road, Amberley	25 Nov	3:30pm-5:30pm	19 Nov
Mid Canterbury	Gardenside Room, Hotel Ashburton, 11/35 Racecourse Road, Ashburton	26 Nov	10:00am-12:00pm	20 Nov
South Canterbury	Southern Trust Events centre, 70 Morgans Road, Timaru	26 Nov	3:30-5:30pm	20 Nov
Christchurch	Silks Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Christchurch	07 Dec	3:30-5:30pm	30 Nov
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Please RSVP to Lynne.James@education.govt.nz and specify what workshop you will be attending. If you are unable to attend one of the workshops submissions can be made via our [consultation website](#) which is open until December 14.

Should you wish for us to arrange more sessions or different times please do let us know.

Canterbury Education Expo

Reminder: Canterbury Education Sector Expo: Tuesday 1 December, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Christian Cullen Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington. Exhibitors include our property team, education renewal, special education and sector enablement and support teams. NZSTA, NZ Police, ERO and WINZ will be attending and there will also be information regarding our region's demographics and education profile.

Our education managers, school and early childhood senior advisors, advisors and property delivery managers will also be available to catch up with you and we are looking forward to celebrating the work you have done.

Please RSVP to erin.king@education.govt.nz by Monday 23 November.