

# Canterbury Regional News

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## *Kia ora,*

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Mark Tulia, our Pasifika co-ordinator, who has been nominated to receive a Samoan High Chief title for his family and district.

Mark has travelled to the village of Satuiatua in Samoa and will be bestowed the Tamāli'i (High) Chief title of Tu'ua. This title is an acknowledgement of his selfless service, expertise and leadership within his family, aiga/whānau, village, church and community. We are very proud as this is a huge honour for his aiga and our office.

Education advisor Salesulu Magnum received a Samoan Tulāfale (orator) Chief title for his family and district in Apolima Uta at the end of last year. It is wonderful to have two more Pasifika role models and matai for our office, our sincere and warmest congratulations to you both.

Schools should be receiving their annual financial statements for last year back from the auditors for sign off and uploading into the Ministry's portal by 31 May. If this is not going to be met please contact [alex.dieudonne@education.govt.nz](mailto:alex.dieudonne@education.govt.nz) our southern schools finance advisor. It is also a good time to check the board's financial delegation to the principal is current and signed, which can be overlooked, especially when a change of staff has occurred.

I have attached a [visitor's map](#) with details of nearby visitor parking and other car parks in the CBD, hopefully this will be useful when you are attending meetings in our office. Also a friendly reminder that we have a great space on level 1 you can use, should you have things to do in the city.

I will be on annual leave from Friday 16 June until Wednesday 26 July. During this time Susan Schneideman will be acting Canterbury Director of Education. Susan will be supported by our Education Managers so please don't hesitate to contact them if you need anything.

Mā te wā,

**Coralanne Child**

*Director of Education for Canterbury*



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## Battle of Passchendaele competition for school students

Senior school students are invited to [enter a very special competition](#) in which 10 students will win a trip to attend the 100th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium later this year.

Using digital technology, students are asked to produce a curriculum resource for Year 7 to 10 students about the Battle of Passchendaele. The winners will travel to Belgium to attend the National Commemoration Service on 12 October 2017 at the Tyne Cot Cemetery near Zonnebeke in West Flanders.

The competition runs from 8 May to 2 July 2017. Winners will be announced on 24 July 2017. Find out more [information about the competition including entry and consent forms](#)

## Additional Te Whāriki Workshops

Due to popularity, the Ministry of Education has added more workshops in some areas. Check the **updated timetable [PDF, 363 KB]** for dates and times.

If the workshop you are registering for is showing as full please email [admin@core-ed.ac.nz](mailto:admin@core-ed.ac.nz) to confirm your interest in attending

## Bulk email to Canterbury schools: Asbestos Management Plan and Survey Requirements

Asbestos Assessors NZ (AANZ) has bulk emailed a majority of schools in our region stating they must have an Asbestos Management Plan and offering their services. We have subsequently contacted WorkSafe about this email and have confirmed that this information is **incorrect**. Where asbestos has been identified, or is assumed to exist in school buildings, an Asbestos Management Plan must be in place, which sets out how the identified asbestos or asbestos containing material will be managed. You can create your own Asbestos Management Plan and assume your own buildings to contain asbestos provided WorkSafe NZ Guidance is followed. You do not need to use an asbestos surveyor.

Our National Office property team and WorkSafe NZ are working on a joint factsheet about asbestos management in schools which we will forward to you once completed. In addition, our website is currently being updated to further clarify the requirements for asbestos management plans and surveys.



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## Canterbury Technology Advisory Board

Registrations of interest are invited for individuals from the business community wishing to be considered to support the establishment of the Canterbury Technology Advisory Board.

The board will provide guidance and support to year 7 and 8 technology programmes in schools. This is an opportunity to work in a progressive educational environment and play an essential role in the identification, development and guidance of innovative learning experiences to the children of the Christchurch and Canterbury region.

We are looking for applicants who have the capability and expertise in their fields and should preferably have the following skills and experiences:

- Experience and demonstrated ability in their area(s) of representation
- Broad networks in technology and/or the education community
- An ability to make recommendations
- Future focused and able to see the wider picture
- Excellent communication skills

For an application please contact Mark Doyle on 03 378 7519 or email [mark.doyle@education.govt.nz](mailto:mark.doyle@education.govt.nz). Applications, with a copy of a current CV and completed application need to be received by 30 June 2017.

## Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako - Progress in Canterbury

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye from St Joseph's School in Timaru has now been appointed as the South Canterbury Catholic Kāhui Ako Leader. She has already dedicated a considerable amount of time to developing the Kāhui Ako achievement challenges document, congratulations Carmel.

There are now 24 approved Communities of Learning in Canterbury. These Kāhui Ako include: 191 schools/kura, 49 early learning services me ngā kohānga reo, 2 tertiary providers and over 63,790 students.

## Learning Community Cluster Support

With more than 60% of schools from the Learning Community Clusters established in Greater Christchurch after the earthquakes now involved in a Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako, and substantially less money in the supporting budget for the next financial year, funding for cluster leadership or to support cluster projects will end on 30 June 2017.

From 1 July 2017, the Ministry will continue to support your LCC through other mechanisms or programmes rather than directly funding clusters for leadership or to support cluster projects. Find out [more information on the support available](#)