

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

The 2017 school year in Canterbury has been marked with the opening of three new schools.

I would like to congratulate the establishment boards of trustees and the staff on the opening of Rolleston College, Lemonwood Grove Primary School and Haeata Community Campus.

Welcome to Waitaha School students who are joining the satellite provision at Rolleston College and to Ferndale students joining the satellite provision at Haeata Community Campus. I would like to acknowledge the team effort made by the boards and staff to develop the satellite classrooms.

We thank you and your communities for the valuable contribution you have made supporting these developments.

On 30 January, Education Minister Hekia Parata officially opened the new Rolleston College and the Waitaha School satellite that caters for students with additional learning needs.

It was a celebration of everyone's hard work and commitment to Rolleston College, as well as the continued progress being made in the Christchurch School Build programme.

Lemonwood Grove School in Rolleston and Haeata Community Campus in Aranui have also opened their doors for the first time for the start of the 2017 school year. They will celebrate their official openings next month.

I welcome you to the Canterbury Education Network.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury





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

School visits – Term 1 2017

A number of schools will be open for visits to view teaching and learning in new and modified spaces this term. The following schools will be open for visits at the following times:

Waitakiri School	Wednesdays 11am-12.30pm starting from 1 March
Waimairi School	9 March, 23 March and 6 April 8.30-11.30am

Bookings will be managed by the Christchurch Schools Rebuild Programme. To book a visit please email CHCHSchools.Rebuild@education.govt.nz stating the school you wish to visit, preferred dates and how many people you wish to take.

From term 2, a number of other schools will be available for scheduled visits - watch the bulletin later in the term for more information. In the meantime if you wish to visit schools other than the two above please contact them directly but please understand many schools restrict visits in term 1.

Introduction to Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Whether you live in a suburb, on a city block, in an apartment or on a rural property, you have neighbours – and knowing your neighbours matters. We believe that every connection you have with your neighbours makes your neighbourhood more friendly, fun and safe.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa believes in bringing neighbours together, encourages general neighbourliness, and uses a weekend long Neighbours Day at the end of March each year as a focal point and a motivator to encourage neighbours to connect.



Dates for Neighbours Day 2017 have been set! **25 - 26 March 2017** is the weekend we're all working towards. Leading up to that weekend the Neighbours Day team will be letting people know about some of the awesome events and activities happening near them, sharing stories, giving you a little inspiration around how to get their neighbourhood revving to go for Neighbours Day. Helpful tips on how to get started can be found on the [Neighbours Day Aotearoa website](#).