

Canterbury Regional News

13 April 2017

Kia ora,

There have been some terrific achievements this term; we have marked the start of construction projects and celebrated with those schools and early childhood education services that have completed their redevelopments.



Hon Nikki Kaye and Year 1 student Daisy Chauhan after cutting the ribbon at Avonhead School

Last week, the Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye was in the city for the blessing and sod turning ceremony at Ao Tawhiti's new site to mark the start of construction. She joined Cashmere Primary School to celebrate the completion of their major redevelopment and officially opened Halswell Residential College's new family-style villas and a multi-purpose learning environment. The Associate Minister's final visit included a ceremony at Avonhead School. Avonhead is the first school in Christchurch to be completely refurbished and they are now enjoying new flexible learning environments.

Opihi College in Temuka has had funding approved for a major redevelopment which will see 11 teaching spaces demolished and replaced with 5 new spaces. The wharenuī will be replaced with a new building and a large existing block will be refurbished. The development will start shortly with the appointment of the design team. Completion at this stage is targeted for 2019.

Waitaha School are thrilled to be starting construction of their school that is being rebuilt in Rolleston. It was wonderful to have Minister Amy Adams join staff and guests to mark the occasion and student Ethan Hamilton-Currey assisted the Minister with the sod turning.

I had the privilege to be part of the official opening of Barnardos Kidstart Hornby Pasifika Early Learning Centre. Thank you to the members of the Pan Pasifika early childhood education board who have been involved in shaping this service and for making sure the community's needs are being met.

I hope you will find some time to relax after what has been a really busy start to the year and I look forward to seeing you at the Canterbury Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako Cross Sector Forum, on Tuesday 2 May, more details in the newsletter.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



Hon Amy Adams and Ethan Hamilton-Currey at the site for the new Waitaha School



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

Personalised pathways for our children and young people through quality teaching in Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako

Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako are a fundamental change to our education system, and they provide us with the opportunity to make a significant impact on the way we all work together to enhance the progress and achievement of every child and young person.

The Ministry has a number of ways in which we can support Canterbury schools, kura and early childhood services me ngā kohanga reo. We'd like to share these with you. I am delighted to invite you to our **Canterbury Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako Cross-Sector Forum**, on **Tuesday 2 May 2:15 – 6:30pm at the Air force Museum, Wigram, Christchurch.**

It doesn't matter where you are in your Kāhui Ako journey. There will be relevant information for everyone. Here you will be able to engage with tools, resources and services available to support Kāhui Ako that were presented at the recent National Cross-Sector Forum in Auckland. In particular you will be able to explore how these can be used in practice to meet achievement challenges and deliver personalised pathways for children and young people through quality teaching.

The Forum will consist of an update from the Deputy Secretary and expo styled information sessions. There will also be the chance to ask questions of regional and national office Ministry staff. This expo may be of interest to principals, Community of Learning lead principals, Across/In school teachers (Community of Learning), heads of department, assistant principal and deputy principal, teachers, board of trustees representative, early childhood education services me kōhanga reo. There will be a few different time options where you can choose to attend:

- 2:15-3:30pm Regional session to broaden the understanding of Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako
- 3:30-4:00pm Those already established in a Kāhui Ako may wish to join us at this time for refreshments (tea and coffee) followed by a welcome and introduction to the expo space
- 5:45-6:30pm Opportunity for groups to meet, to discuss next steps, engage with local staff and provide feedback

The week before, I will email you more information about the event, including the agenda for the afternoon. Please confirm your interest by emailing Events.Christchurch@education.govt.nz along with the names, roles of the people attending and which time option you would like to attend. Please register **by 24 April** (places are limited). In the meantime if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Erin King at Erin.King@education.govt.nz

Date: Tuesday 2 May
Time: 2:15 – 6:30pm if you wish to join us for the entire programme or times as above
Venue: Wigram Air Force Museum, Christchurch

We look forward to seeing you.



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

Official opening of Arahina ki Ōtautahi

On Friday 31 March Hon Nicky Wagner officially opened Arahina ki Ōtautahi - an innovative education service that will, over a two year period, engage, support and transition children and young people in the care of Child, Youth and Family into school or further training opportunities.

Arahina ki Ōtautahi has been established as a multi-agency partnership between Kingslea School, Ministry of Education, Child, Youth and Family, Ngai Tahu, Police, and CDHB.



Tina Lomax, the Principal of Kingslea School
and Hon Nicky Wagner

The overall objective of the Arahina Transition Service is to successfully re-engage children and young people in the care of Child, Youth and Family to participate in education or training. This new service is going to be critical in helping these young people set a different path for their life. The service will be taking their first students from next term.

The Arahina team of three teachers, an educational psychologist and an assistant principal will work with up to ten students (aged 10-16 years) attending Arahina and thirty students in supported transition. The service is the first of its kind in New Zealand.

We have redeveloped the former Richmond School site to accommodate Arahina ki Ōtautahi.

Reminder: Christchurch Office is moving

Many of you are aware our Christchurch office is on the move. Our staff will vacate our current building on 19 April and we will open for business on 20 April in our new building. Please allow extra time for travel, car-parking and reception check-in when visiting us.

Our physical address is Te Urutī, 48 Hereford St, West End, Christchurch 8013. The PO Box will stay as PO Box 2522, Addington, Christchurch 8140 and contact information including landline and mobile phone numbers, and email addresses, remain the same.

Watch this space for our house warming invite.



Putting children at the centre of their learning

School Visits for Terms 2 and 3

We are excited to be able to offer school visits to a range of schools across Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area who are working in a variety of flexible learning environments. Some are brand new buildings; some have a mixture of refurbished classrooms and rebuilds.

All schools have strong pedagogy and collaborative teaching practices. If you would like to book a visit then please email CHCHSchools.Rebuild@education.govt.nz. Please provide your name and contact details, the school you are from, the number of visitors you want to be accommodated and the school(s) you want to visit and what day (a second choice date is also useful). Some schools are negotiable as to what day and time they can have visits.

Swannanona	Wednesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 3, 17, 31 May, 14, 28 June, 26 July, 9, 23 August, 6, 20 September	Modified, collaborative environments
Clarkville	Wednesday 8.30am – 11.00am 3, 17, 31 May, 14, 28 June, 26 July, 9, 23 August, 6, 20 September	Collaborative pedagogy in refurbished and original buildings
West Rolleston	Thursday 1.45pm – 2.45pm 4, 18 May, 1, 15, 29 June, 27 July, 10, 24 August, 7, 21 September	New School
Lemonwood Grove	Thursday 10.30am – 12.00pm 4, 18 May, 1, 15, 29 June, 27 July, 10, 24 August, 7, 21 September	New School
Waimairi	Tuesday 8.30am – 11.00am 9, 23 May, 6, 20 June, 4 July, 1, 15 August, 12 September	Refurbished classrooms, moving into rebuild
St Francis	Tuesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 9, 23 May, 6, 20 June, 4 July, 1, 15 August, 12 September	New block
Avonhead	Wednesday 9.00am – 11.00am 3, 17, 31 May, 14, 28 June, 26 July, 9, 23 August, 6, 20 September	New buildings, refurbished blocks
Te Waka Unua	Thursday 12.30pm – 2.30pm 11, 2 May, 8, 22 June, 6 July, 3, 17 August, 14, 28 September	Collaborative teaching in a variety of classroom spaces
Waitākiri	Wednesday 10.00am – 12.30pm Every week term 2 and 3	New build

Grow Waitaha also offer schools facilitated visits as part of the Collaboration: Community of Practice. A facilitated visit would give you the opportunity to unpack the thinking behind the pedagogy and question the 'why' and 'how' to align to your own space.

If you would like a facilitated school visit then contact Angela Vermeulen through Grow Waitaha
Email: angela.vermeulen@core-ed.ac.nz, mobile: 027 322 3426.