

Canterbury Regional News

14 August 2017

Kia ora,

There have been many occasions to gather in the past fortnight to reflect, acknowledge and look forward. Secretary for Education Iona Holsted was in Christchurch recently to meet with principal associations, one of our Kāhui Ako and staff. This was a wonderful opportunity to share with Iona the strengths and talents of our region. Iona was also in Christchurch this month with Minister of Education, Hon Nikki Kaye to discuss the Ombudsman report into school mergers and closures. Thank you to all those who attended these meetings, for the time you gave and the feedback you provided.

We are at our best when we proactively and continuously engage with one another. We will continue to work with you and focus on key areas for example: network, technology, learning support and property. As part of this, working groups have been established to ensure the work we do reflects the needs of our schools. In the next bulletin I will supply a summary of each working group so you are all aware of how we are responding to challenges and to make sure you know how you can be a part of this work and how it can benefit you.

I attended the opening of the new office of Te Paeroa RTLB Cluster 34 on 28 July with other sector representatives, and we have also marked significant milestones as part of the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme.

Some of our schools hosted the Associate Minister of Education, Hon Tim Macindoe, where he attended events to mark the commencement of the \$26 million redevelopment of Hornby High School and the completion of a \$3.5 million project at Hornby Primary School. Minister Macindoe celebrated the first sod being turned for the relocation and rebuild of Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' High Schools at their new co-located site at QEII park in Christchurch.

Minister Macindoe also visited Wharenui School to celebrate the completion of their \$2 million redevelopment and to announce that Budget 2017 will provide the school with an additional \$1.5 million of funding for three new classrooms. He then attended two individual sod turning ceremonies to mark the beginning of construction projects at both Wigram Primary and Addington Schools. These are fantastic opportunities and I thank you for the effort you all put in as part of celebrating these milestones.

We are here to help you so please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the Canterbury team when you need support.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

School Based Mental Health Team

The School Based Mental Health Team (SBMHT) was developed in 2013 and followed on from the earthquake work. They work with schools across Canterbury to promote resilience and wellbeing across the wider school community, providing support and education to teachers, parents and families and in some cases groups of children or young people directly. This work includes the provision of workshops and presentations to build knowledge and wellbeing for individuals (including topics such as anxiety in children, de-escalation, self-esteem, emotions and sensory strategies).

Strong relationships between the SBMHT and the school are a key component of the work, along with the ability to provide what the school is asking for, and identifies as their current needs. Schools invite us to meet with them.

To contact the SBMHT SchoolBased.MentalHealthTeam@cdhb.health.nz or 03 335 4611.



Health Education Hui – Water is just the beginning

When: Tuesday 12 September, 11 am – 2 pm

Where: Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place

Who: Teachers, principals, board of trustees, student councils, canteen managers, whānau, local dentists and anyone else with vested interest in promoting water in schools.

Cost: Lunch provided

Opportunity to network with other local champions and learn from the successes and challenges around promoting water in Canterbury schools.

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/PyarFLviZ0j9i9qn1> or contact Nina Perez nina.perez@sportcanterbury.org.nz

Maximum 50 participants! **RVSP by Friday 8th September**