

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

It has been a very busy time with a lot of activity particularly with significant school events. It is a real highlight of my week to join school communities as they celebrate not only the opening of new and exciting spaces but in particular the efforts of so many in the work that has come before. Congratulations to you all!

I had the pleasure to accompany Associate Minister of Education, Tim Macindoe, during his recent visit to Canterbury. While the minister was here he officially opened the new \$6 million building at Rangiora Borough School. More than \$20 million has been invested to redevelop four of our North Canterbury schools: Rangiora Borough, Oxford Area, Ashgrove and Southbrook to replace aging buildings and extend capacity.

The Minister also visited Prebbleton School where he made the announcement that around \$5.5 million will be invested under Budget 2017 to expand the capacity of schools in Canterbury. The schools receiving new classrooms are: Prebbleton School, Lincoln Primary School and Allenton School in Ashburton.

The 2017 Canterbury Architecture Awards were held at the end of last month with two of our new school buildings receiving awards: Medbury School, where the new block creates flexible learning spaces for the school based on current modern learning environment principles and Marshland School, with spaces crucial to the pedagogies practised by the school. I would like to congratulate everyone involved for all the hard work you have done.

It was also wonderful to see our own services being highlighted in the Gazette. A desire to improve the emotional intelligence of young children led to a special programme within Christchurch's Te Ara Tūhura Cluster. You can read about the programme in the latest [Education Gazette](#).

As you read this I will be enjoying time away with my family as we venture around Europe. Susan Schneideman will be acting Director in my absence. Before I sign off I do wish to thank you for your kind words of support, they were lovely to receive and brightened my day particularly during treatment. Thank you so much.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Christchurch Technology Advisory Board

Registrations of interest are invited for individuals from the education community wishing to be considered to support the establishment of the Christchurch 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 for the children of the Greater Christchurch region.

We are looking for applicants who have 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

Applications with a copy of a current CV need to be received **by 30 June 2017**.

Opening of new 12-classroom building at Rangiora Borough School

Associate Minister of Education, Tim Macindoe, visited Rangiora Borough School on Monday 12 June, to officially open the schools new \$6 million building named after local pioneer, Henry Blackett.

It was wonderful to have Ray Taylor (great grandson of Henry Blackett) at the opening. Henry Blackett was a significant individual in Rangiora. In 1878 he was elected as the first Mayor of Rangiora and was also the first chairperson of Rangiora (Borough) School committee.

[The full press release can be found here](#)





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

Grow Waitaha events

Promoting inclusive education - A forum for SENCO, teachers and leaders

The Grow Waitaha team are pleased to host this forum focusing on **how** ILEs support children and young people with special needs with examples of **what** this looks like in practice. We have invited teachers and leaders from some primary schools in Christchurch to share how they are developing effective programmes to specifically support these children and young people within their ILEs. These teachers and leaders are walking the talk; developing programmes that support their diverse learners in ways that make a positive and significant difference.

This forum will be an opportunity for SENCOs, leaders and teachers to join together to talk, share strategies, suggestions and recommend resources. Be part of the conversation to provide the best support for these learners in our schools.

29 June 2017, 1.30-4.30pm, Ministry of Education, Ground Floor, 48 Hereford Street, Christchurch

To register please [click here](#)

Authentic learning through PHYSEDagogy

Tim Morgan's story

Physical Education is underpinned by the Whakatauki '**He oranga ngakau, He Pikinga waiora**' 'Positive feelings in your heart will raise your sense of self worth' highlighting the intention to support children and young people as they progress into adult life as people who prioritise and value hauora.

Tim's forum will be an opportunity to hear how he has interpreted this in ways that embed physical activity in to learning programmes that are related in more genuine and visible ways to everyday life. [Check out their website!](#)

3 July 2017, 4.00-6.00pm, Bishopdale School, 465 Greers Road, Christchurch

To register please [click here](#)



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Budget 2017: \$5.5 million investment in Canterbury schools

Around \$5.5 million will be invested under Budget 2017 to expand the capacity of schools in the Canterbury region, say Education Minister Nikki Kaye and Associate Education Minister Tim Macindoe.

“This first round of school infrastructure investment under Budget 2017 will provide a total of 11 new classrooms to three schools in the region, adding space for around 220 students,” says Ms Kaye.

The schools receiving new classrooms are:

- Prebbleton School in Selwyn (around \$2 million for four new classrooms)
- Lincoln Primary School in Selwyn (around \$3 million for six new classrooms)
- Allenton School in Ashburton (around \$500,000 for one new classroom).

“All of the schools receiving funding today have experienced increases to their rolls. The growth in the Christchurch area shows the resilient nature of this community following the 2011 earthquake.

“These new classrooms will also provide the opportunity for schools to incorporate flexible learning spaces that can support an innovative learning environment and encourage student achievement.”

This announcement is among the first in a number of school infrastructure investments that will be announced as part of this year’s Budget.

“This latest investment in Canterbury schools follows the \$278 million we have invested in the region as part of Budget 2016. This funding included support for the Christchurch School Rebuild programme, building two new schools and delivering two relocated and rebuilt schools under public private partnerships (PPPs), and \$9 million for a number of roll growth classrooms,” says Mr Macindoe.

“Budget 17 is investing \$456.5 million in education infrastructure. This takes our overall commitment to extending and improving our schools in recent years to over \$5 billion”.

It is expected that the new classrooms will be up and running during the 2018 school year.