

Canterbury Regional News

20 February 2017

Kia ora,

This week as we remember the loss of life and devastation caused by the earthquake on 22 February 2011 we pay tribute to all of you that helped so many in the aftermath of the earthquake and thank our schools, teachers, students and their families for their resilience, hard work and commitment to education in Canterbury.

The impact of the 2011 earthquake that caused immense loss and disruption for our communities meant we could not restore the education network to its previous state. What we could do was renew the network. The work we are all doing is about the future of our children and reflects the particular needs of our communities as we look with hope and determination at our future.

Real progress is occurring, and everything we do is done with the best interests of children and learning at heart. I am proud we are working together to provide our children with greatly enhanced access to quality education and making real advances in educational achievement.

The leadership from within and across the sectors to bring local knowledge and expertise is vital to the success of education renewal. We will continue to work closely with local education leaders, principals, teachers, young people, business owners, Ngāi Tahu and the wider community to deliver great education outcomes for the community.

We have been on an astonishing journey and faced many challenges; as we continue to create an education network for future generations please remember our main priority remains supporting you. Do not hesitate to contact us, as our staff have a great deal of experience and knowledge and are able to provide you with a wide range of support.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Learners at the centre of change - A forum for students and teachers

This exciting forum will be co-facilitated by students, Mel Stopford and Duncan Woods from Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery. Together, they will lead a forum where students and teachers will partner together through a design thinking process to consider how we can grow 'learners at the centre of change'.

From this session, participants will take away:

- a design process you can use back in your own school
- new and creative ideas that keep students at the centre of change

Bring a team of 4–6 participants from your school or CoL that includes a mix of students, parents, teachers and senior leaders.

1:30pm–4:30pm, 6 March 2017, Venue TBC,

[To register please click here](#)

Grow Waitaha in 2017

Grow Waitaha continues to support schools as they change practice and enter the rebuild process in 2017. In term 1 Grow Waitaha will be hosting a range of free events available for all schools in the Canterbury region, these include:

- Thursday 16 February – Meetup – Where business meets education
- Saturday 25 February – Eduhui – Collaborative Community of Practice
- Monday 6 March – Microhack led by students for school teams
- Week of 13 March – Facilitated School Visits
- Tuesday 21 March – Secondary Community of Practice

For more information and to register go to the [Grow Waitaha website](#), There you will also find resources in response to requests from schools. If you have a theme you would value exploring more, contact growwaitaha@gmail.com



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

Positive Education New Zealand Conference

Education facilities are the heart of our communities. They are in a unique position to teach students skills and strategies to grow life-long wellbeing. The inaugural Positive Education New Zealand conference is in Christchurch, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 March 2017, hosted by Christ's College.

Covering topics such as the rationale and importance of positive education, validated assessment methods, frameworks for whole organisation wellbeing promotion and specific tools and resources guiding lesson plans, this will be the one-stop-shop for anyone interested in learning more about this rapidly growing field. Register now www.positiveeducation.nz

Centrally funded PLD Canterbury

The first round of centrally-funded PLD in November last year resulted in PLD hours being allocated across 92 proposals. This PLD support for school, kura and Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako (CoL) was very well received. There will be four allocation rounds of centrally-funded PLD in 2017. The closing dates for proposals are:

- Tuesday, 28 February
- Friday, 12 May
- Friday, 4 August
- Thursday, 26 October

The proposals will be assessed by the Canterbury Area Allocation panel that includes sector representation. If the proposal is approved, the school, kura or CoL will then be able to negotiate with an authorised PLD provider of their choice to plan PLD. The approved proposal will be sent from our office to the email address of the principal of the school unless advised otherwise.

Centrally-funded PLD proposals should be emailed to PLDCanterbury@education.govt.nz

Further assistance is available from Karyn.wilson@education.govt.nz or your education advisor.