

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Since our last newsletter we have had the privilege of hosting the Prime Minister Bill English at the official opening of Lemonwood Grove School. Congratulations to Principal Sean Bailey, staff and the establishment board, it was wonderful to acknowledge all the work that went into establishing the new school and celebrating with the Selwyn community.

As we open these amazing spaces we are always reminded that it is about the people, ideas, energy and excitement inside the buildings which make all the difference. It's about our dedicated teachers and your hardworking and imaginative students. I greatly appreciate everyone's commitment and the considerable amount of work you all do to ensure the best for your children.

The latest Ministerial National Cross-Sector Forum held in Auckland focused on personalised pathways through quality teaching in Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako. We were able to have many great discussions with our colleagues about building our Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako and what we could see as next steps for our regions.

Minister Parata, Kaye and Upston attended the event and over 300 representatives from more than 100 different Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako, National Cross-Sector Forum members, Communities of Learning leaders, Communities of Learning principals, across school teachers and expert partners. Our region was well represented and thanks again to those that had quite a drive before they flew to Auckland.

Some of you may already be in discussions with your education advisor about your enrolment scheme. A review of a school's enrolment scheme needs to be undertaken to provide an opportunity for your board and the Ministry of Education to consider the operation of the scheme, and whether it still meets the legislative purposes and principles. In this newsletter there is information for our schools which have enrolment schemes due for review this year. We are happy to assist you with information and data to help boards consider their enrolment schemes.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Is your school's enrolment scheme due for review this year?

The review of enrolment schemes is required under Section 11PA of the Education Act 1989, and provides an opportunity for your board and the Ministry of Education to consider the operation of the scheme, and whether it still meets the legislative purposes and principles.

To check if you are due for an enrolment scheme review please [click here](#).

Under Section 11PA(1) the board is required to:

- review the operation of the enrolment scheme, having regard to the purpose and principles of enrolment schemes (Section 11A of the Education Act 1989); and;
- ask the Secretary whether he or she agrees with the board's view about the continuing need for a scheme to prevent overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, at the school.

Effectively, this means you should consider whether:

- the school continues to need an enrolment scheme to prevent overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding at the school;
- the scheme in its present form promotes fairness and transparency in the selection of students;
- the scheme in its present form promotes best use of the existing network of state schools in the area;
- the scheme excludes local students;
- some amendment to the home zone is appropriate i.e. does the current enrolment scheme home zone reflect your immediate school community

If the board of trustees is considering changing or abandoning the enrolment scheme, these changes will be worked through as part of a discussion with your neighbouring schools. You may wish to have a discussion with your education advisor and if you require support we are happy to assist you with meeting arrangements, information and data that you may wish to share with neighbouring schools.

Note the Education Act 1989 sets a statutory deadline of 1 May for completing the review.

At this stage all that is required by 1 May is for the board of trustees to indicate on the [review response form](#), its decision.



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

The Canterbury Children's Team is expanding

On Wednesday 15 March the Canterbury Children's Team in Mid Canterbury was launched and the North Canterbury team will be launched on Wednesday 22 March. From these dates the Hub will be taking referrals from these areas.

To refer a child to the Canterbury Children's Team, [contact the Vulnerable Children's Hub](#).

Canterbury Children's Team office is now at:

Level 4, 161 Cashel Street, Christchurch CBD
(the block between Manchester and High Streets)

Please allow extra time for parking and security check-in at the building when visiting the Children's Team.

Grow Waitaha - school flythroughs

Grow Waitaha announced the release of the first of their school tour videos in their latest newsletter. These feature learners, leaders, teachers and whānau talking about learning at their school. They explain how they collaborate and use their spaces to enhance learning for everyone.

[Waitākiri School](#) and [West Rolleston School](#) feature in the videos available on the Grow Waitaha [youtube channel](#).