

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Minister of Education, Hon Nikki Kaye visited Rāwhiti and Waitākiri schools last week. Rāwhiti School was created following the merger of Central New Brighton, North New Brighton and Freeville schools. Waitākiri School was created following the merger of Burwood and Windsor schools. This was an opportunity for both Rāwhiti and Waitākiri schools to talk with the Minister and show her what their school communities have achieved.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, I will be supplying a summary of key areas of work we are focusing on. In this newsletter I have included information on the technology advisory board who will work with you to ensure our students have the opportunity to attain excellence in technology education.

The 2016 [Public Achievement Information](#) data just released tells a particularly good story about Canterbury. This is wonderful for everyone who has helped make this happen. Canterbury early learners had the highest participation rates for early childhood education in the country at 98.5%. They also had the highest participation rates for both boys and girls.

An increasingly high percentage of Canterbury's early learners have enrolled in early learning every year since 2010. There are also good results for Canterbury school students who performed above average in 2016 in 12 out of the 14 reported categories. The number gaining a Vocational Pathways award has also risen every year since 2013.

Here is the link to each region and its territorial authorities data, please [click on the Canterbury region](#) and a drop-down list will appear.

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.

Christchurch Technology Advisory Board

The Ministry of Education has been working with the sector to establish a Technology Advisory Board for greater Christchurch.

There are almost 10,000 year 7 and 8 students in greater Christchurch and two thirds of these students access technology education at schools other than the schools they are enrolled at (from provider schools). The remaining third access technology education at their own schools (through self-delivery).

The board will explore the background working group data that led to the formation of the Christchurch Technology Advisory Board and welcomes the opportunity to provide co-constructed sector support to teachers of technology.

The board will seek the voices from within the year 7 to 8 sector to ascertain the needs of students, teachers and school leaders and will be working towards supporting teachers in the development of programmes.

If you want to know more about the Technology Advisory Board [please click here](#).

In-Class Applications for 2018

In-Class Support applications are now open for 2018. In-Class Support (ICS) provides a contribution towards teacher aide support to students with continuing high learning needs, who are not funded through the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS).

ICS is for students:

- in years 1 – 13,
- who have been prioritised by schools, Ministry of Education learning support teams, and the Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) service as having the most significant learning needs

These students are working towards or achieving within level 1 of the curriculum for an extended period of time.

Applications can be made by completing the [ICS Application form](#) and returning it via email to ics.canterbury@education.govt.nz by 5pm 27th October 2017.



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

Lowdown campaign

You may wish to share the new Health Promotion Agency Lowdown campaign with your students. The campaign encourages teenagers (12-19 years old) to start conversations about issues they are facing. This aims to help reduce the impact of depression and anxiety and to raise awareness of thelowdown.co.nz as a place teens can get help.

The featured animated characters focus on five common life issues that young people face; *study stress*, *Who am I?* (sexual identity, isolation), *Being picked on* (bullying), *Breakups* (romantic and friendship) and *Life-just-sucks* (the characters are featured below). These issues were drawn from the most common search terms for people visiting The Lowdown.

Five animated characters focusing on five teen life issues



Shareable content on social media, digital advertising, social influencers, street posters

To learn more visit the [HPA website](https://www.hpa.govt.nz) our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/thelowdown) or [The Lowdown](https://thelowdown.co.nz) website.

Health Promoting Schools

Health Promoting Schools is a nationwide initiative strengthening school communities in being healthy settings for living, learning and working. As the Public Health Unit of the Canterbury DHB, Community and Public Health is responsible for supporting Health Promoting Schools throughout Canterbury and the West Coast.

[View the Health Promoting Schools magazine current and past issues](#)



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Visitor Parking

Please note the changes to the Ministry of Education visitor parking process for the Christchurch office.

When visiting the Ministry of Education please remember that the entrance to our building complex (48 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central) is via Cashel Street and the exit is onto Hereford Street.

We have visitor car parks (one of which is an accessible parking space) available on **Level 2B of the West End Car Park**. Parking spaces: 1-6 and 49-61 are clearly marked 'Reserved NZ Govt Visitors'.

These parking spaces **must still be booked prior to use**. This can be arranged through the Ministry staff member organising your meeting. Always:

- take a parking ticket from the barrier
- park in the spot booked for you
- bring your parking ticket to Corporate Services on Level 1 to be validated when you have finished your meeting. Once your ticket has been validated you can simply insert the ticket into the machine at the exit barrier.

Additional Car Parks

We have additional four visitor parking spaces available in the Wilson's car park next to the City Council Building (cnr Hereford Street and Cambridge Terrace). These parking spaces are NOT bookable; they are marked as Ministry of Education and numbered 1-4.

Property

Over the last few years the Christchurch City Council has been very active and focussed on the 'excessive' water usage by schools. Historically, excessive usage would have resulted in an additional charge from the council. Schools could then apply to have the charges rescinded through the remissions process. Some schools have been receiving remissions in excess of \$40k. The Council has now decided that they will no longer approve remissions and schools will have to pay these charges.

The Ministry of Education and the Council have engaged BECA to carry out monitoring and analysis of water usage at all Christchurch schools. If you are aware of excess usage, it could be from a leak and will need to be resolved. Your property advisor is available to help should you not be able to easily identify the location or overall issue.

To help identify water issues, the Council has engaged BECA to install smart meters in addition to the work BECA is undertaking for the Ministry.