

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

We've worked on a range of projects with many of you this year– we appreciate all your support and efforts. Please enjoy your well-deserved break with loved ones, keep safe and we look forward to a new and exciting year of opportunities in 2018.

This is our last newsletter for the year and our office will be closed from 5pm, Friday 22 December until 8am, Wednesday 3 January 2018.

For any urgent matters please:

- Contact School Support Limited on 0800 111 775 for emergency responses to property matters ie fire, flood, extreme weather or email tony.haswell@schoolsupport.co.nz
- Call our Traumatic incident support team on 0800 848 326.

A reminder that teachers from early learning services, ngā kōhanga reo, schools, kura and kāhui ako are encouraged to apply for round 4 of the [Teacher-led Innovation Fund \(TLIF\)](#) by 22 February 2018. This funding enables groups of teachers to explore new and innovative practices to improve learning outcomes in the classroom.

After three years, Grow Waitaha in Canterbury has now touched just about every school in greater Christchurch, even the schools whose buildings did not require rebuild or repair. Through this project we continue to support schools and the ongoing engagement is proving to be effective, ensuring the benefits of the renewal programme are understood and carried through into the community. [Read more about Grow Waitaha](#)

I wish you all a wonderful end of year and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Getting help for students with special needs from the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service

Teachers from the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service (Outreach Service) can travel to schools in their local areas to support students in the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS). To get support, the students must be enrolled in their local school and with the Outreach Service.

A specialist teacher works as part of the student's support team, this includes their class teachers, special education staff, support staff and family or whānau.

[Read more information about the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service](#)

Youth Advisory Group

Twelve young New Zealanders have been selected to take part in the new Ministerial Youth Advisory Group.

Congratulations to Okirano Tilaia from Cashmere High School, Brodie Cross from Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu | Correspondence School and Kate Morris from Darfield High School. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and champion the youth voice in education.

The Ministerial Youth Advisory Group will enable young people to have more influence on the education system and issues that affect them and offer young people aged between 14 and 18 years old, the opportunity to share their experiences of our education system, as well as ideas about any improvements we can make.

[Read more about the Ministerial Youth Advisory Group](#)

[Read the Minister of Education's press statement](#)

Students as teachers: collaboration at Linwood College

In the latest Education Gazette, Linwood College PE teachers Natasha Powell and Rosanna Katene talk about attending the 2016 Physical Education New Zealand conference and share some great ideas for encouraging interaction between junior and senior students. [Read the full story](#)



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

In Touch, Kia noho tata

The latest issue of the Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand In Touch, Kia noho tata Magazine features a story which discusses how starting school is a significant milestone that requires lots of preparation for families living with a neuromuscular condition. The article also has tips for making school days the best days. [Download and read a copy of the latest issue](#)

Water remissions/charges

As you will be aware from previous bulletins, Christchurch City Council are no longer giving remissions for excessive water usage, having implemented a new policy in July. They have installed new meters across the network and are now issuing monthly bills. This should reduce the amount of excess charges as it gives much earlier notification of an issue and a chance to remediate a problem.

Christchurch City Council expect that all users are monitoring their water usage themselves and will identify a problem early and address it before they receive a bill. If you do identify a problem, please email will.rowson@ccc.govt.nz and delwyn.harrison@ccc.govt.nz and they will record that you have an issue and are actively dealing with it, and as such they will not charge.

They will only consider remissions relating to costs incurred before July, and only if there is evidence of the leak being investigated and addressed before the excess charge was issued. Water charges are based on usage which is above a schools allocation. This will vary depending upon the schools Capital Value (CV). While this does mean a school with a higher CV will have a higher allocation than a school with a lower CV, this is addressed as part of the annual water rate charge from Christchurch City Council.

Three schools of roughly equal size are detailed as an example here:

School 1:	School 2:	School 3:
CV – \$8.75m	CV – \$5.65m	CV - \$4.5m
Water Rates - \$3.5k	Water Rates – \$2.3k	Water Rates - \$1.8k
Water Allocation -12.9 m3	Water Allocation – 8.3 m3	Water Allocation – 6.7 m3

As you can see, the Water Rates and the Allocations do actually work out to be equitable.

If you require any further information, please contact your property advisor.