

# Shaping Education

Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Newsletter  
for schools and early childhood education centres



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## Kia ora,

It's hard to believe we're almost half way through the year already! For us at the Ministry, it has been a year of progress towards renewal. Today marks the opening of Halswell School's two new learning communities - part of the school's rebuild, which will be completed in time for their 150th celebrations next year. Next week will see Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, and Education Minister, Hon Hekia Parata, in town to officially open Pegasus Bay.

The Ministry is currently engaging with the sector about future opportunities for the special schooling network in greater Christchurch. The government's \$1.137b investment in education renewal provides a timely and unique opportunity to consider the region's current special education provision with a view to designing a network that best serves our community in the future.

The Ministry has proposed that each base school be re-located and co-located with a regular school within one of three geographic catchments across greater Christchurch. Proposed options for re-location and co-location are one of two new school sites in Rolleston, the new Aranui community campus and a site to be determined in the north of the city. Each co-located school would serve as a base from which satellite provision and itinerant specialist teaching would extend across clusters of schools within each catchment.

We want to engage with the sector and community to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have input into the future shape of the special schools network. Please go to: [www.shapingeducation.govt.nz](http://www.shapingeducation.govt.nz) and click on the special education button to have your say.

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## Learning Community Cluster Leaders

In September 2013 the Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata confirmed funding for learning community clusters (LCCs) to select a leader to support LCC planning and collaboration. For those that have appointed a leader the progress of the LCC developing and implementing their plans has been well received. **To maintain this positive momentum the Ministry has agreed to provide further funding until the end of 2014 to support LCCs to appoint a new or reappoint their existing leader.**

Your Operational and Delivery Adviser will be in contact with you soon to discuss how LCCs can access this funding.

## Talanoa Project Cluster

A new Pasifika Success Talanoa Project (PSTP) cluster was launched on 15 May at Aranui Primary School. The school principals and Pasifika lead teachers from Aranui, Bromley, Linwood Avenue, St Anne's, Bamford, Woolston and Rowley Avenue Primary Schools joined with 300 Pasifika community people to celebrate the launch. The PSTP is a targeted Pasifika professional and learning development programme for principals, teachers and Pasifika families.

## Ngā Mātapuna o Ngā Pakihi LCC Conference

On 2 May one hundred enthusiastic educators from the Ngā Mātapuna o Ngā Pakihi LCC met at Lincoln High School for their first one-day conference. With a theme of future-focused education, staff from the clusters primary and high schools enjoyed keynote presentations from Cheryl Doig (Learning by Design) and Mary Anne Mills (Core).

There was a variety of workshops to attend presented by members of the cluster. Teachers worked on e-learning tools, collaborated on transition ideas and looked at junior mathematics programmes. There was a great vibe to the day and very positive feedback has been received from the participants.

The conference has made good use of the Greater Christchurch Learning Communities website [www.GCLC.govt.nz](http://www.GCLC.govt.nz) and collaboration between teachers from the different schools is continuing online. Planning for next year's conference is already underway!



*Image: Keynote Speaker Cheryl Doig at the Ngā Mātapuna o Ngā Pakihi LCC Conference.*

## Transition to School

Supporting transition to school is a pilot project responding to concerns raised by schools in Christchurch regarding the increasing complexity of needs they are observing in children starting school.

This project is led by Special Education and has been co-developed with input from the early childhood sector, Early Childhood Education, Sector Enablement and Support, principal representatives and RTLBs.

Special Education and RTLBs will work with eight self identified schools and their main contributing early childhood centres. The pilot is about us supporting schools and ECEs to develop and implement a joint transition plan for four and five year olds.

## Christchurch ECE Finalists

Congratulations to our two Christchurch ECEs who are finalists in the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards. These Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievement in New Zealand education.

### **Shirley First Learners are finalists in the: Excellence in Leading Atakura Award**

This award celebrates leadership and influence that has strengthened professional capability and created a change in conditions, leading to improved and sustained outcomes for all children and young people.

### **Nōku Te Ao are finalists in the: Excellence in Governing Awatea Award**

This award celebrates governance and management that creates conditions that allow leading and teaching to improve and sustain outcomes for all children and young people.

## Pasifika Study Support Centre

A new Pasifika Study Support Centre (SSC) has been established by the community as part of the Hornby Pasifika school cluster at Hornby Primary School.

The SSC successfully engages with primary, secondary and early childhood aged children. The Pasifika learning hub concept has been revisited and the Computers in Homes Programme trialled as part of the SSC programme. Last term thirteen families graduated from the programme and received a computer.



## sPACIFICally PACIFIC Programme

The sPACIFICally PACIFIC (sPACPAC) programme re-engages the Pasifika community with the education community and utilises Pasifika identity and language to raise Pasifika achievement. The Ministry works in partnership with agencies, Pasifika Teachers' Association, tertiary providers and Pasifika Health organisations to lead this work.

### Aneriueta Pa'o-Sopoaga Pasifika competition

The Aneriueta Pa'o-Sopoaga Pasifika competition was on 22 May at Catholic Cathedral College. Sixteen secondary schools participated in Cook Islands, English, Fijian, Samoan and Tongan language competitions.

### SPACPAC Supreme Awards

The inaugural SPACPAC Supreme Awards was hosted by Shirley Boys' High School on 27 May and attended by over 450 people. The Pasifika students from twenty secondary schools received acknowledgements and awards for; Pasifika Leadership, the Pasifika Speech Competition winners from last Tuesday (22 May) and the Amosa Fa'afoi Memorial Cups<sup>1</sup> for the Top Two Pasifika Academic Achievers Male and Female in Canterbury secondary schools (as judged by NCEA results).

<sup>1</sup>Amosa worked tirelessly with the Ministry nationally, regionally and locally to ensure that Pasifika children achieved and that the education system valued and used Pasifika identity, language and culture as best and normal practice.



Image: SPACPAC Supreme Awards NCEA Achievers, Pasifika Leaders and Pasifika Speech Competition Winners



# Property

## Minor Works Projects

Since late 2013 the Minor Works programme has commenced works in over 85% of schools within the Christchurch Schools Rebuild (CSR) programme. Around 75% of these schools currently have works being carried out which varies from health and safety requirements, MLE (visioning) prototyping, demolitions to general building and site repairs that will enable the school to continue to operate until their engagement date.

Minor works are still being identified within schools and we expect further projects to be scheduled into the programme in the future. If there are property items you wish to discuss please contact your School Property Advisor or Case Manager or contact us on [chchrenewal.proberity@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:chchrenewal.proberity@minedu.govt.nz)

## Demolitions

As the demolition process continues we have placed a great deal of focus on maintaining the health and safety of the school users (staff and children). Asbestos surveys are being carried out in a detailed manner by one of our appointed asbestos surveying companies (K2 Environmental, MBC and ICP NZ) in advance of the scheduled demolition. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact you School Property Advisor or Case Manager or us on [chchrenewal.proberity@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:chchrenewal.proberity@minedu.govt.nz).

It is expected that demolition works will commence next month (if not already started) on buildings at the following school sites:

Avonside Girls High	Ferndale	Manning Intermediate
Banks Ave	Glenmoor	Mount Pleasant
Burwood	Heathcote Valley	Spreydon
Fendalton	Linwood	

These demolitions and others previously stated will take the total amount completed to 80% of those scheduled to be removed.



## **Modern Learning Environments**

As part of Shirley Primary School's redevelopment, board members, staff and management visited four Auckland schools to observe modern learning environments.

The group saw students taking responsibility for the direction of their learning and self selecting the learning space and furniture that best matches their needs. This included collaborative work, research, independent activities, large group sharing and teacher directed sessions.

This was a great opportunity for the school to gain an understanding of the benefits and opportunities ahead for their school.

## **School Networks**

### **Networks for Learning (N4L)**

25% of Christchurch schools have been connected to the managed network. There has been a high level of interest with N4L transitioning an average of eight schools per week. N4L continues to monitor situations where schools cannot be transitioned at this point in time.

### **School Network Upgrade Project (SNUP)**

The SNUP Lite programme in Christchurch is on target to complete by October 2014.

