

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 into term two already – with so much going on in the sector and the pace set to continue over the coming months, we hope you all had a chance to take some time out over the term break to recharge your batteries.

It's been a special start to the term for hundreds of Canterbury children. Waikuku School students finished term one at their 140-year old school and started term two at their brand new Pegasus Bay School – the school is the first in greater Christchurch to be built to meet advanced modern learning environment principles and it is NZ's first net zero energy school.

Lyttelton Main Primary School has now merged with Lyttelton West. A new Lyttelton Primary School is scheduled to open mid-2015; in the meantime, pupils of the merged school are located at Lyttelton West and the former St Joseph School site.

Springston School students hosted Prime Minister, John Key, during the last week of term; he was there to open their new roll growth classrooms. Associate Education Minister, Nikki Kaye, also announced the Ministry will fund 9 new teaching spaces for Tai Tapu School.

The demolition programme for damaged schools and facilities got underway during the holidays. The programme will see the removal of 50 damaged and/or isolated buildings across 20 school sites over the coming months.

In this newsletter there is some important information about schools 10 Year Property Plans (10YPP). Some of these 10YPPs were devised before the earthquakes and as such, the future of many buildings due for cyclical maintenance may be outdated and should now be guided by Property Advisors. Please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.

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New Classrooms to cater for Roll Growth

TaiTapu

Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye has announced nine new classrooms will be built at TaiTapu School at a cost of \$2 million.

Three of the nine new class rooms at Tai Tapu will accommodate roll growth and six will replace older classrooms. New classrooms would be purpose built and flexible.

Springston

Springston School had new facilities opened on the 17 of April 2014. The new classrooms are to cater for roll growth.

The school hosted Prime Minister, John Key and Member of Parliament, Amy Adams during the last week of term. After the official part of the opening the Prime Minister was escorted around the school grounds; including the 'secret garden' where he spoke with students and parents.



Christchurch Property staff Karren Madden and Simon Cruickshank at Springston School with Prime Minister John Key

Pegasus Bay School

Pegasus Bay is officially opened this term.

The move follows the September 2012 announcement by Minister Parata and Minister Brownlee that Waikuku Primary School would be relocated to Pegasus Township as one of the first major projects under the government's \$1.137 billion investment in education renewal in greater Christchurch.

The school is the first in greater Christchurch to be built to meet advanced modern learning environment principles and it is NZ's first net zero energy school.

An official opening ceremony will take place on Thursday 12 June 2014.

Lyttelton Primary School

Lyttelton Primary School officially opens today (05 May 2014), starting with an opening ceremony.

The new school is the merge of Lyttelton West and Lyttelton Main Primary School. The new Lyttelton Primary School is scheduled to open mid-2015; in the meantime, students of the merged school are located at the Lyttelton West and the former St Joseph School site.

Managing Schooling Networks

In order to determine the required number and location of teaching spaces in the schooling network, the Ministry is about to begin work with schools on a new approach to network management.

This new approach will apply to ALL types of schooling network management, including overcrowding, enrolment zones and planning for future roll growth or decline.

It is particularly relevant in greater Christchurch as we embark on a \$1.137 billion renewal programme – to ensure we provide for the correct number of teaching spaces in the right locations to support a sustainable schooling network.

The Ministry will support the sector to ensure schools and their communities have all the information and assistance needed to effectively deal with network issues. This includes:

- Provision of data and information
- Determining how you want to undertake consultation/process, then
- Outlining how we will then support you through the process

We will soon be contacting all schools in greater Christchurch to provide more information about this approach and how we can assist you to work through the process.

Ministry Appointments to the Establishment Board of Trustees

The role of the Establishment Board of Trustees (EBoT) is to work with the community to develop policies, appoint the principal and staff; and provide input on the design of the school. EBoT's will govern the schools through to the first board elections, which are held about six months after the school becomes operational. Registrations of interest were sought and we are pleased to announce the following have been appointed:

Aranui Community School - *will open at the start of term one in 2017.*

Cheryl Doig, Haneta Pierce, Matt Walters, Pauline Luafutu-Simpson and Tony Fakahau

Rolleston - *The new primary school will open in 2016 and the new secondary school will open the following year.*

West Rolleston Primary School: Rebecca Scott, Simon McDermott, Sherryll Wilson and Kate Duncan

Rolleston Secondary School: Jackie Freeman, Greg Knowles, Lynley Shaw, Darren Sudlow, Neil Voyce



Learning Community Clusters (LCCs)

There is now a wide range of LCC activities and projects underway, especially in LCCs that have a leader/s in place. Within some LCCs schools have embarked on professional learning and development (PLD) that responds to the LCCs vision, challenges and needs. There is also funding available for LCC projects and the Ministry has recently supported the following LCC projects:

- The Bays LCC Years 7 & 8 Enrichment Programme. This project aims to combine the teaching expertise within the cluster and beyond to provide a range of learning experiences that will engage and extend the clusters year 7 and 8 students beyond what can be offered by the individual schools within the cluster.
- Hereora LCC Cluster Wide Cultural Analysis. The aim of this project is to improve the achievement of Māori students as Māori across the cluster. This also includes improving engagement between providers and whānau within the cluster.
- Ngā Mātapuna o Ngā Pakihi LCC Conference. This project involves a one day conference featuring key note presentations and teacher led workshops. The focus of the conference is on sharing best practice across the LCC in regards to modern learning practises and expose teachers to different ways of working.

A further seven LCCs are in the process of preparing project proposals to seek funding.

Of the wide range of learning community cluster activities and projects underway, some are funded by the Ministry and some are self funded by the learning community cluster.

We look forward to providing you with further updates as the projects progress.

IRF (Interim Response Fund)

From the start of this term (Term 2, 2014), please contact your senior advisor should you need to access IRF.

In the event of your senior advisor not being available for any significant period due to leave or other reasons their out of office e-mail and phone message will give you an alternative contact.

The IRF cell phone will be decommissioned.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the senior advisor for your school.





General Maintenance – Property Plans

All schools are required to regularly repaint buildings. To do so, you can access your Operations Grant and refer to the maintenance schedule of your 10 Year Property Plan. However, it is important to note that some of these 10YPPs were devised before the earthquakes. As such, the future of many buildings due for cyclical maintenance is now uncertain. These school buildings may soon be demolished or re-developed. Such work will render cyclical maintenance unnecessary. The same would apply for other impaired structures, such as leaky buildings.

The Ministry is able to provide advice to your school on whether to go ahead with any painting. Please contact your Property Advisor before commencing cyclical maintenance. In the meantime, we have contacted school auditors to advise that the 10YPP schedule relating to painting works may be outdated and that this should now be guided by Property Advisors.

The Ministry notes that some schools have entered a painting/property maintenance contract. This requires them to proceed with the schedule of maintenance outlined in their 10YPP. If your school has entered such a contract, the Ministry may hold discussions with you and Property Maintenance Service (PMS) to identify those buildings that are less likely to be affected by the CSR programme.

The Ministry thanks you for your co-operation as we reassess your school's post-earthquake property needs.

Minor Works Projects

We have bolstered our dedicated team within the Ministry to manage minor works projects required to maintain school's property between now and when each school enters the capital works programme. Ministry appointed Project Managers have been allocated to each school within the CSR programme, these Project Managers will co-ordinate any minor works with the school and the Ministry Minor works team. If there are property items you wish to discuss please contact your School Property Advisor or Case Manager or contact us on chchrenewal.property@minedu.govt.nz.

Demolitions

The demolitions began these school holidays with the removal of block 15 at Kaiapoi North School; Blocks 10, 11 and 12 at West Spreydon School, and the pool at Heaton Normal Intermediate. The hall and boiler at Phillipstown School are also being removed. Other demolitions will be carried out in coming months. The Ministry's Property Representatives will be working closely with boards of trustees to plan these projects.

The Ministry and Christchurch Girls' High School have recently agreed to demolish the school's auditorium. The timing for this demolition is yet to be agreed with the school.

There are approximately 68 buildings on 28 school sites to be demolished before the end of the 2014 year.



Land Purchases

The Ministry has been examining potential land options for new school sites in the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal property programme.

Three out of 11 land purchases have been completed to date in the property programme (Rolleston Secondary, Rangiora West and the Lyttelton site extension).

Marshland School and the new site for Rolleston West Primary are the next priority and are on track to be completed according to the programme schedule.

Professional Services Panel

The Ministry is working with the University of Canterbury to establish a professional services panel (architects, engineers and quantity surveyors etc), as Canterbury University's redevelopment plan shares many similarities with the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal property programme. Therefore the opportunity to share resources and undertake a single procurement process is being established.

Over 80 companies (150+ services) submitted proposals. The proposals will be evaluated and recommendations made for contracts over the next two months.

A construction panel of suppliers is currently in the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage and has been placed on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS). The RFP closes 9 May 2014.

