

Canterbury Regional News

09 February 2016

Kia ora,

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to our new principals, acting principals and those returning to Canterbury. I hope you had a great summer break, and are all ready for a wonderful start to Term 1.

Well done to the teams behind the openings of Marshland, Rāwhiti, St Francis of Assisi, Waitākiri Primary, West Rolleston Primary and the Waitaha Special School satellite. The new schools have welcomed their first students and all begin a new and exciting journey. This progress is testament to the dedication, hard work, strong spirit and commitment of everyone involved.

I am delighted to congratulate New Year's honours recipients: Gary Endacott New Zealand Order of Merit for services to people with disabilities and Graeme Daniel New Zealand Order of Merit for services to special education.

Gary works in our Christchurch office as a disability facilitator and has been actively helping disabled people in the community since he was 10 years old through mentoring and being a role model to others. He ignores barriers and focuses on what he can do to help.

Graeme Daniel is principal at Allenvale School which is part of the special education network provision for the Canterbury region. Graeme is also Special Education Principals' Association president. Graeme works tirelessly to support the success of students with special education needs. His dedication and commitment ensures that special education students have positive, productive and safe learning environments as well as programmes, pathways and opportunities to meet their needs.

I would also like to congratulate Cashmere High School who won the Zayed Future 2016 Energy Prize (Oceania Area) of \$100,000. Cashmere High School Science students will promote sustainable energy solutions with students of other schools to promote sustainability of resources.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with 2016 bringing many new opportunities for us all.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 presentation

We would like to invite you and an appropriate member of your board of trustees to a presentation on preparing for the incoming Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, which comes into force on 4 April 2016.

This Health & Safety presentation will be held in Christchurch and Timaru on Thursday 3 March 2016 (Christchurch) and Monday 7 March 2016 (Timaru) and led by Richard Ward, a Ministry of Education senior advisor based in Wellington and part of our team responsible for the Health and Safety guidelines for schools and ECE centres. The presentation will be held at the following venues:

Christchurch presentation: MoE Health and Safety Act presentation

Date: Thursday 3 March 2016 (includes refreshments).

Two sessions will be run on this evening. Please indicate which time you wish to attend.

Time: 5:30-6:30pm **OR** 7:00-8:00pm

Venue: Blossom Lady Lounge, Addington Events Centre, 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington

Timaru presentation: MoE Health & Safety Act presentation

Date: Monday 7 March 2016 (includes refreshments)

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Venue: Southern Trust Events Centre, Aorangi Park, Morgans Road, Timaru

RSVP date: Tuesday 23 February 2016

If you could please **RSVP to Erin King** at Erin.King@education.govt.nz or by phone on 03 378 7587 by Tuesday 23 February 2016, letting us know which of the sessions you would like to attend.

We hope you can make it, and look forward to seeing you there.



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

Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association conference

'Leadership for Learning'

The Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association annual conference is being held in Methven on the 25 – 26 February 2016.

For those of you who have not registered yet [please click here for programme and registration](#).

EAP services

Through your Employee Assistant Programme you can speak to a Professional and explore possible strategies that will help assist you. **Remember**, your EAP Programme is a confidential and professional service.

[Please click here to access the 2016 EAP Services e-Flyer](#) featuring:

- ✓ Beating the "return to work" blues
- ✓ Start your New Year with positive suggestions
- ✓ Thoughts and tips on keeping track of your finances

Your EAP Professional will work to assist you to develop a plan for you to achieve a positive outcome.

Inter-Agency workshop

How to recognise and deal with children and young persons exposed to or a risk of abuse

This workshop is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Child, Youth and Family (CYF) and the Police sensitising school and ECE staff to recognise children and young persons exposed to or at risk of abuse.

The workshop includes signs and indicators of children or young persons at risk of abuse; roles of professionals involved in dealing with suspected abuse, the process that follows a report of concern and child protection policies. Representatives from MoE, CYF and the Police will give you advice and good practice examples around the topic.

[Please click here for more information](#).



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Children's Day 2016

This year Christchurch's Children Celebration will be happening at the Spencer Park. The celebration will take the form of a **free** community event that provides an opportunity to provide an inclusive day for all children and families. This is achieved through performing arts, adventure activities, crafts, demonstrations, sports, and games.

[Please click here for more information to share with your community.](#)

Property update

The schedule for delivering these infrastructure projects to 115 schools in greater Christchurch over 10 years was announced in September 2013. Projects include:

- 13 new schools (on new sites)
- 10 rebuilds (on existing sites)
- 34 major redevelopments
- 58 minor redevelopments

Our progress to date includes:

- Six schools are now complete (Pegasus Bay School and Halswell School in 2014, and Waitakiri, Marshland, West Rolleston and Rawhiti in Dec 2015).
- Lyttelton Primary School will be completed by Term 2 in 2016.
- A total 38 projects are in design or under construction, and we have allocated 22.08% of the \$1.137b.
- Construction is continuing on Papanui Primary School and Avonhead School.
- Construction has begun on Waltham.

The Waitaha Special School satellite has also opened at West Rolleston Primary School and is a wonderful service for learners with special education needs. Te Pā o Rākaihautū an innovative 21st century learning village devoted to education success for the whole whānau opened in 2015.

While construction is underway, the Ministry will continue to support the school to maintain its current facilities and ensure that the delivery of education to students is not affected.