

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora,

Well winter has definitely arrived and it has brought with it some wild weather and some very cold days. It's also a busy term with many winter sports taking up evenings and weekends, thank you to all the staff that support these competitions.

Finding the right way to include all the various stakeholders and moving parts of education is long, complex and often not easy - thinking beyond education services to the community has different challenges. Our Canterbury Regional Cross-Sector Forum is a way to do this and it continues to be a great opportunity to influence, support and shape education and the work of the Ministry. The Forum is specifically tailored to discuss and identify opportunities and challenges as we collectively work to raise student achievement for our children and learners. Much of our work focused on transformation is having a national influence on the Ministry so thank you for your contributions, ongoing support and the work that you do.

I was in Wellington at the Minister's National Cross-Sector Forum on budget day with Canterbury forum members. The forum brings together leaders from across the system and our Canterbury representatives bring information from this to share with their communities. I have included information on the Government's investment in Education as part of Budget 2016 and the Minister's speech from her national forum later in this newsletter.

Mā te wā,

Coralanne Child

Director of Education for Canterbury



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

Funding Review Engagement Invitation

Engagement for the Review of Education Funding Systems for ECE and schooling (the Review) is about to get underway.

We are holding information sessions where I will talk through the Review in more detail and outline the proposed directions for change. For information on sessions please [click here](#). If you are unable to attend please get in touch as I welcome the opportunity to meet with you at a later date, to discuss the Review.

You can also email funding.review@education.govt.nz if you have any questions.

Please note engagement closes on Wednesday 31 August and any feedback you have will need to be received by then.

Government continues to invest in school property in Canterbury

Education Minister Hekia Parata and Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye announced more than \$276 million dollars will be invested in Canterbury school infrastructure as part of Budget 2016.

Please [click here](#) for Minister Hekia Parata and Nikki Kaye's announcement.

National Cross-Sector Forum

The Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata established the Ministerial Cross-Sector Forum on Raising Achievement in June 2012. The Forum provides collaborative cross-sector leadership and advice to the Minister and brings together leaders from across the system to share and exchange information.

Please [click here](#) for the Minister of Education's welcome and speech to the forum members.



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

sPACPAC Supreme Awards

The sPACIFICally PACIFIC (sPACPAC) programme re-engages the Pasifika community with the education community and utilises Pasifika identity and language to raise Pasifika achievement. Initiatives include: Canterbury secondary schools SPACPAC Polyfest, Aneriueta Pa’o-Sopoaga Pasifika competition and concludes with the showcase event the sPACPAC Supreme Awards.

Congratulations to all the students who placed in the finale event of the sPACPAC programme - the Supreme Awards held at Linwood College. Pasifika nominees from 20 Canterbury schools attended the event to receive their awards. The Supreme Awards bring together and acknowledge Pasifika students’

- Academic achievement – the top academic achievers in NCEA Level 2
- Leadership –recognised for service at school and in the community
- Aneriueta Pao-Sopoaga Pasifika Speech Competition winners - in English, Fijian, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Island



Image: sPACPAC Supreme Award winners

For pictures and a list of the award winners please visit [sPacifically Pacific](#)



Putting children at the centre of their learning

Avonhead Primary School Redevelopment

Associate Education Minister Nikki Kaye was in Christchurch last week and while the Minister was here she visited Avonhead School with Minister Amy Adams and Minister Nicky Wagner to see the progress of the school's redevelopment. The redevelopment includes a new innovative learning environment teaching block of four teaching spaces for up to 100 students and the upgrade of existing buildings.

Stage one was completed in the last school holidays and students are now in the new teaching block. Stage two involves ten classrooms, the administration block and staffroom. The construction will run until February 2017 and the school has and will stay fully operational during the build.



Image: Principal of Avonhead School Charles Levings (3rd from right) with Ministers, members of the school board and staff.

Information on the Christchurch schools rebuild programme can be found [here](#).