



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands

### Regional Newsletter 05 November 2018

#### Kia ora,

Congratulations to Sumner School who held a sod turning ceremony at the beginning of the term to recognise the official commencement of their building work.

The ceremonial sod was turned by Sumner School's oldest and youngest students Mitchell and Isla.



The Office of Ethnic Communities has supported the Ministry of Education in hosting education consultation meetings for ethnic communities. The Christchurch meeting attracted over 120 participants from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Hon Jenny Salesa, Minister for Ethnic Communities and Associate Minister for Education, who attended the meeting, stressed the importance of these communities having their say in shaping the future of New Zealand's education. Thank you to all those who attended.

We recently held three meetings in Canterbury to share the draft Disability and Learning Support Action Plan, two in Christchurch and one in Timaru. Thank you to those of you who gave your time to attend one of these meetings to discuss the proposed actions in the plan.

I would like to welcome to Christchurch Gary Quarless, new principal of Allenvale School. Gary comes from Goldfields School in Paeroa and I had the pleasure to attend his mihi whakatau at the beginning of the term. I know everyone in the education sector in Canterbury will make Gary feel welcome.

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#### Responding to suicide risk together

We are holding a workshop for members of pastoral care and leadership teams in secondary schools who have key roles when students are at risk of suicide.

**When:** Tuesday 27 November, 10am – 3pm

**Where:** Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford St, Christchurch

**RSVP** by 22 November to: [events.christchurch@education.govt.nz](mailto:events.christchurch@education.govt.nz) (Due to limited spaces, five attendees per school only)

[Read more information on presenters and outcomes](#)

## The Light Project

Founded in 2017 by a small team of sexual and public health experts, the Light Project is a pilot that aims to help youth, their whānau, schools and wider communities to positively navigate the new porn landscape in Aotearoa.

[The Light Project website](#) was put together to help young people, their whānau and youth stakeholders find information, including [resources for school communities](#) and a selection of helpful books, research articles, websites, YouTube clips, guidelines and support services. These include resources for children, teens, whānau, parents, schools and health/youth service providers.

You can contact The Light Project by emailing [hello@thelightproject.co.nz](mailto:hello@thelightproject.co.nz)

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## Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

[Frequently asked questions](#) about the Mana Ake initiative are available on the [CCN website](#). There are also FAQs for [schools and educators](#)

If you have a question that isn't answered in these, please email [info@ccn.health.nz](mailto:info@ccn.health.nz)

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## Grow Waitaha Workshops

### Curriculum Redesign

Tuesday 20 November - 1-4pm

Many schools are working to re-conceptualise their curriculums. At this forum, schools (primary and secondary) who have successfully navigated the redesign of their curriculums will share their journeys. They will share key resources to support a quality review and some tips and tricks on how to do this collaboratively. [Register and find out more](#)

### Secondary Timetables Reimagined

Tuesday 27 November 2018 – 1-4pm

Many secondary schools have moved away from running a traditional school timetable for their learners – 60 min, 90 min, 100 min and 120 min periods are now the norm across many schools in Christchurch. At this forum, secondary schools will share how they organise their timetable to benefit learning for all – both within and across faculties. They will share why they decided to make the changes, what they needed to consider and tips and tricks they have learnt along the way. If re-imagining the timetable at your school is something you are considering, then come along to this forum and learn from those who have started the journey so you can begin the conversation back at your school. [Click here to register](#)

## Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)

EAP Services has provided a range of specific services to greater Christchurch state and state-integrated schools since 2011, under the special funding of the Ministry's Greater Christchurch Workforce Support Package. EAP Services provides confidential access to qualified professional support and advice for teaching and non-teaching staff and their immediate families/whānau within greater Christchurch (Waimakariri, Selwyn and Christchurch City Districts) when they are experiencing personal or work-related issues.

The Greater Christchurch School Support Package includes sessions tailored to the specific needs of an individual or a school, and is aimed at helping the education workforce cope with or plan for what's going on in their lives. Any individual's discussions with the EAP professional are strictly confidential, informal, friendly and non-judgmental.

The services provided by EAP Services to greater Christchurch include:

1. Facilitated workshops to whole schools or individuals on topics such as:
  - Coping in times of uncertainty and change
  - Building resilience to stress
  - Building healthy relationships
  - Building a positive workplace culture
  - Five ways to wellbeing.
2. Moving On – a school-based facilitated workshop to support school leaders and their staff, following periods of uncertainty and change so they can support each other and plan for the successful ongoing operation of their schools.
3. Career transition sessions for individuals – a customised programme tailored to an individual's career transition requirements, which may include career assessment, preparation of a CV, networking and job searching strategies.
4. EAP counselling / financial / legal advice to individuals

Under this package, there is no cost to either the school or the individuals.

### Please note:

- EAP services funded through the Greater Christchurch Workforce Support Package apply only to state and state integrated schools in greater Christchurch (Waimakariri, Selwyn and Christchurch City Districts).
- Schools outside the greater Christchurch area can access EAP services as part of the All of Government EAP Syndicated Procurement Agreement but services accessed by schooling and support staff are funded by the Board of Trustees.
- Early Childhood Services are not funded for EAP services through the Greater Christchurch Workforce Support Package and they are not eligible to access services through the All of Government EAP Syndicated Procurement Agreement.
- EAP services are available to early learning services if their affiliate association holds a contract with EAP Services or the service itself engages EAP Services. This is at the cost of individual services.

You can contact EAP services on 0800 327 669 anytime.

## NZSTA Professional Development

All NZSTA professional development is delivered by a group of high quality experienced providers. Professional development and support opportunities will be delivered at no cost to you or your board. Participant numbers are limited at every workshop to ensure all trustees have the opportunity to be involved in discussions and ask topical questions relevant to their or their board's needs.

[Find out what professional development events are coming up on the NZSTA website.](#)

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## Education Gazette

### Immersion programme takes learning out of this world

Students at Oxford Area School had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a stellar learning experience during the school's recent 'Mars Week'.

Read the [full article here](#).

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues. You can always call me on 03 378 7345, 0274 200 251 or [email](#) me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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