



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 04 February 2019

Kia ora,

Welcome to the new school year and a very warm welcome to our new principals. I hope you all had a lovely break.

We are very pleased to welcome Knights Stream School in Halswell and Ararira Springs Primary in Lincoln to the education network. Both schools and Wigram Primary School celebrated the completion of their new schools ready for the beginning of 2019.

Congratulations to the teams involved - you have all done a fantastic job and must be very proud of what you achieved. These incredible new spaces offer so many possibilities and will serve your communities for many years to come.



Image: Wigram Primary School blessing included a returning of the sod and tree planting ceremony. Principal Heather Walkinshaw assisted by students.

Principal Exchange

The South Australia New Zealand Principal Exchange for 2018 ran over term 3 as a job shadow experience. Jo Earl, Principal of St Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Christchurch and Sandy Hastings, Principal of Beckenham School, Christchurch were matched with South Australian principals Wendy Anne Moore, Golden Grove Primary School and Tyson Grinham, Lockleys North Primary School.

While all four principals were in New Zealand, they were filmed talking about their experiences. You can watch the videos on the [TeachNZ website](#).

Enabling Good Lives Christchurch

In Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri, the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) team work with all ORS funded students as they prepare to leave high school, to ensure young people and their families have more choice and control over their lives and supports.

Students have access to an EGL personal budget - bringing together disability funding from the Ministries of Health, Education and Social Development, so students can use their budgets flexibly to achieve their goals and live good lives.

Please contact Hannah Perry EGL Lead, Christchurch email: Hannah@eglives.co.nz or phone / text: 021 035 4134 to connect your ORS funded school leavers with Enabling Good Lives, preferably 12 months prior to their proposed leaving dates.

'Request for Support' form

Requests for support can be made by contacting our local Learning Support Service Managers directly to discuss how we may be able to provide support.

You may prefer to use a Request for Support form, which provides us with the information we will need to help you. If you do use the form please ensure you are using the most up-to-date one, and that it is completed in full, as this allows us to speed up the processing at our end.

You can request a copy of the Request for Support form by emailing:

referrals.canterbury@education.govt.nz

Alternatively you can download the [Request for Support form](#) from our website.

Access PLD

There are four opportunities a year (once a term) to apply for PLD and applications should be made to the local regional office.

Once you submit your proposal, it is reviewed by the region's Area Allocation Panel who allocate locally-focused PLD. The panels are comprised of sector and Ministry representatives from within the region and they meet once a term.

Key dates for Canterbury 2019

Term 1 2019 (28 January - 12 April)

22 February	PLD Proposal submission deadline
15 March	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting

Term 2 2019 (29 April - 5 July)

24 May	PLD Proposal submission deadline
14 June	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting

Term 3 2019 (22 July - 27 September)

16 August	PLD Proposal submission deadline
6 September	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting

Term 4 2019 (14 October – 20 December)

25 October	PLD Proposal submission deadline
18 November	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting

For submissions of PLD proposals and any queries please email: pldcanterbury@education.govt.nz

[Visit the PLD website for more information and to apply for PLD.](#)

Reminder - Early Learning Strategic Plan, consultation hui

The draft plan is open for consultation and hui are taking place around the country for families and whānau, kaiako, service providers, educators and the wider community to discuss the suggested changes and the timeline for introducing them.

The hui are primarily aimed at early learning providers, educators and parents, but anyone is welcome to attend. There will be a presentation about the draft plan, and opportunities for questions and discussion. If you are interested in attending one of the hui, click the relevant date below to go to our events section to register.

Christchurch Monday 04 February Riccarton Park Function Centre, 6.00pm	Ashburton Thursday 14 February Hotel Ashburton, 6.00pm
Timaru Monday 11 February Southern Trust Events Centre, 6.00pm	Rangiora Tuesday 19 February Rangiora High School, 6.00pm

Grow Waitaha Update

Events planned for 2019 include Secondary Digital Technologies, South East Roadshow, Leadership Incubator, Wellbeing Activator and Inclusive Education to mention a few.

You will find Information on their website about [upcoming Grow Waitaha events](#) and initiatives for 2019.

Alternative Education

A Chance to Be Heard 2018 was part of the Christchurch AE Futures Project - a collective impact project encompassing the five Christchurch-based Alternative Education (AE) providers, with aims to: develop shared practice and approaches; capture student voice; and identify and strengthen “what works” with young people in AE.

Here is a 15 minute mini-documentary [Alternative Education: Stories of Change](#), capturing the voices of Alternative Education young people and staff during the 2018 exhibition "A Chance to Be Heard".

Education Gazette

New build supports existing values

By considering school values and principles during each stage of its rebuild, Woodend School in Christchurch is making sure students and teachers are able to realise the full potential of each collaborative learning opportunity.

[Read the full article here](#)

Cultural diversity role brings communities together

One Christchurch high school has created a coordinated approach to inclusion by appointing a cultural diversity facilitator to help bring the school's communities together.

[Read the full article here](#)

As always, 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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