



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 18 February 2019

Kia ora,

As we know recovery is a long process and the anniversary of the 22 February earthquake on Friday is a day for reflection, remembering how people were impacted and marking how far the city has come.

Our staff, schools and community all remember the 22 February 2011 earthquake in a number of ways. On Friday our office and the wider Ministry team will pause to pay respects to those who lost their lives.

We have faced many challenges and together we will continue to create an education network for future generations. I am proud of the work that we are doing and our team will continue to work with you to deliver education opportunities for our community.

Thank you to all those who have attended the early learning strategic plan consultation hui that have taken place recently. There have been many discussions and it has been great to see so many interested in the draft plan. A reminder to anyone wanting to attend the hui in Rangiora on Tuesday 19 February, it will be held at Rangiora High School, starting at 6:00pm. [Register here](#).

The Future of Learning Experience – 30 September – 1 October, 2019

After the success of last year's Future of Learning conference, it's bigger and better this year.

Accelerating technology change is affecting all industries – the way we adapt to that change is fundamental to a successful future. Learning is the key – for employees adapting to new ways of working, and to educators preparing students for an uncertain future.

The Future of Learning conference is an experience designed to:

- Raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities
- Highlight emergent learning technologies
- Examine how organisations are adapting for the future
- Turn insights into actions
- Ignite a community of action

It's our opportunity to cross-pollinate, share expertise and bring business, government and education together for the future!

You can sign up to stay in touch with the planning and receive all the information you need to attend at <https://www.futureoflearning.nz/>

Mana Ake

The Mana Ake initiative welcomed 23 new kaimahi (workers) and 5 kaiarahi (team leaders) last week. The workers, along with the wider team, will start in Hakatere (Ashburton), Opuke, Malvern, Pūtaringamotu, Puketeraki, Kahukura and South West clusters on 11 February.

Since rolling out to the first schools in April 2018, Mana Ake has supported 625 individuals (as at 5 February). Kaimahi have received training in the following group programmes over the holiday period:

- Pause, Breathe, Smile
- Wise Up
- Parenting Toolbox
- Zones of Regulation.

Your liaison kaimahi will share information about these and how to access them, and advise on additional programmes as they are made available through the year. [Find out how to contact your team](#)

The Project Team will be hosting a Cluster Forum for Mana Ake on 28 March. They will be in touch with details nearer the time.

Leading Lights

Leading Lights provides guidance pathways to help teachers and other school staff in Canterbury recognise and respond to the needs of individual children in Years 1 to 8. The pathways include clear, concise, locally-agreed information on interventions and strategies to use at school, as well as when to seek further support, who can provide it, and how to make requests.

Leading Lights has now been made available to all schools. You can access advice, guidance and information on the [Leading Lights website](#) using the username: Stronger and the password: 4Tomorrow.

Public Health Nursing Services

With the roll out of the Mana Ake initiative across Canterbury for Years 1- 8 and the establishment of Kāhui Ako (Communities of Learning), the Public Health Nursing Service has realigned their staff into small teams aligned closely to the Kāhui Ako in the area.



Children/Tamariki
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Public Health Nursing Service

This has resulted in changes to the allocated Public Health Nurse (PHN) for some schools, with a lead PHN and a small team supporting the cluster. The lead PHN for each school will be in contact to introduce themselves and their cluster colleagues.

The service has also established a dedicated Student Health Team for the Christchurch area. This team, who have experience in student health, will continue to provide free and confidential health support to Years 9 -13 students in schools who do not already have access to a school-employed or a Ministry of Health funded school-based nurse. A dedicated phone and email for the PHN Service will be available to book clinic appointments.

For enquires please contact: phnburwood@cdhb.health.nz

Grow Waitaha – upcoming events

Forum: STEM/ STEAM – Why? How? What?

Friday 15 March, 10:00am – 1.00pm

The leadership team from [Whakarongo School](#) will share how they are meeting the needs of their learners using a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) approach to conceptualise the curriculum. They will describe how they have effectively led and embedded change across the school and what they have learned along the way. There will be a focus on being an effective leader of curriculum redesign using a STEAM approach and how this supports authentic learning.

[Register and find out more](#)

Wellbeing Activator series

1# Wellbeing in schools and early learning services – the why, what, and how?

Tuesday 26 March, 1:30pm – 4:30pm.

In partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience (NZIWR™), Grow Waitaha are offering a series of Wellbeing activator events (one per term) suitable for all education sectors.

The purpose is to support schools and early learning services as they continue to grow the wellbeing of their students and staff. This is about activating and providing inspiration to schools and their wider community.

If wellbeing is an area of focus for your school, then come along to the first Wellbeing Activator of the year. Join in as we all work together to build wellbeing across our region.

[Register and find out more »](#)

School Celebrations

Cashmere High School



Cashmere High School celebrated the opening of their new block at the beginning of the school year. The new block is part of Stage 2 of the school's redevelopment. It was opened by special guests Anne Mitchell and Murray Allison who had both been teachers of science at the school.

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Bishopdale School



Bishopdale School started the term with a celebration and blessing of their new block. Students were very excited to start the new school year in their new space.

Ararira Springs Primary School



Ararira Springs Primary School began their journey with a mihi whakatau. The community celebrated with the school and a tree gifted by the Gauld family was planted to mark the occasion.

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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