



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 17 June 2019

Kia ora,

Samoa Language week celebrations wrapped up with the sPACPAC Pasifika Emerging Leaders' Breakfast, which drew around 100 students, staff and whānau to the Christchurch City Council's Civic Office.

Twenty schools in the Canterbury region nominated two of their Pacific student leaders to participate. It was hugely inspiring to see so many Pacific students who held head boy, head girl, student council, mentoring, sport and cultural leadership roles.



A special mention was made to Cashmere Head boy, Okirana (Oki) Tilaia, who was at the forefront of the city-wide student vigil and remembrance services in the wake of the March 15 incident.

Councillor Anne Galloway welcomed students and their families on behalf of the Mayor, while electoral officer Jo Daley delivered a keynote speech encouraging Pacific students to be involved in shaping the city's future. Gary Williams, manager education was on hand to represent the Ministry of Education and present leadership certificates to students.

Pacific Youth Leadership And Transformation (PYLAT) also ran a session for two new Pacific awards. The session was unique as student leaders were able to feed into every aspect of the awards criteria, meaning these awards were for the students by the students.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's event and a big thank you to everyone who supported our students.

Interagency news

We are working with many government and community organisations to support those affected by the 15 March attacks.

- Representatives from these agencies and groups meet regularly to gather up-to-date information, which is published in the newsletter [Our Future Together – Te Kohao Pounamu, which can be found here](#).
- The Ministry of Social Development's weekly newsletter has information about support available for anyone affected by the Christchurch tragedy. [You can read all the newsletters here](#).

Canterbury Resilience Hub

Helping people find the right resources to support their needs is a key step in moving forward after traumatic events.

To support people locally and nationally an online resource was created that connects people to the support we need during tough times.



The [online Resilience Hub](http://www.resilient.org.nz) is a central point for health and wellbeing advice and support.

To develop the hub, the Canterbury District Health Board worked with other key agencies that provide education, housing and financial support, to ensure a range of guidance and resources are available.

The hub is intended for:

- Those needing support
- Those supporting others and
- Health professionals' support

Resources include guidance for teachers supporting students, and teacher and school staff wellbeing. The site also includes specific tips, advice and links for teenagers, young people and those supporting them.

Royal Commission into the attack on Christchurch mosques on 15 March 2019

Some of you have been asking about the Royal Commission into the attack on Christchurch mosques on 15 March 2019. The Royal Commission is investigating events leading up to the attack and the performance of state sector agencies in relation to those events.

The purpose is to reassure the New Zealand public, including all Muslim communities that all reasonable measures are being taken by state sector agencies to ensure their safety and protection. The Royal Commission is to report by 10 December 2019.

Key agencies taking part in the inquiry include the New Zealand SIS, GCSB, Police, Customs, Immigration and any other relevant government agencies or departments.

The inquiry is not looking into relevant state sector agency responses, once the attacks had begun. You can read the [Terms of Reference](#), as set out in the Order in Council.

105 and Non-Emergency Contact

To help keep New Zealand as safe as possible, NZ Police have introduced a new way to contact them for non-emergencies: call 105 or [go online here](#).

USE 105 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

111 is still the emergency number for Police, Fire and Ambulance

Sometimes you need to call the police to report a crime, but it's not a 'sirens-blaring, lights-flashing' emergency. To help ensure that 111 is kept clear for emergencies, you can now contact NZ Police for non-emergencies by calling '105' – it's a free call. This service is not currently a text based service.

You can use 105 to report non-emergency situations, such as when your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, or you want to give police information about crime in your area. The key message is that if it's happening now or just happened and there's a threat to life or property, call 111; if it's already happened and there's no immediate danger, call 105.

There are resources available to help teachers communicate the new number. Activity resources for schools can be found at www.police.govt.nz/105resources or for more information, please [refer to the 105 FAQs](#).

Canterbury DHB Project Search

Project SEARCH internship programme for high school students with learning disabilities

Canterbury DHB invites school staff to the Project SEARCH 2020 Open House event. It's a chance to learn about the transition to work programme and how your students can enrol for the 2020 intake, as well as hear from this year's interns and Canterbury DHB Chief People Officer, Michael Frampton.

The event will take place on Wednesday 26 June at Burwood Hospital Level 2 from 5pm until 7pm.

Project SEARCH is a one-year employer-led internship programme for students with learning disabilities in their final year of school. It's designed to equip interns with the skills and experience necessary to compete for their place in today's job market.

With more than 600 successful [Project SEARCH](#) programmes around the world, the Canterbury DHB programme is the first in New Zealand, and the second in the Southern Hemisphere.

To attend the Open House event, please RSVP to Linda Leishman, CDHB Project SEARCH Tutor: projectsearchcanterbury@gmail.com

Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge 2019 finalists

Congratulations to Christchurch Girls' High School who have made it through to the finals of the 2019 Monetary Policy Challenge.

The Monetary Policy Challenge gives students an opportunity to think like economists and work together like members of the Monetary Policy Committee in assessing economic conditions and recommending what the OCR should be. The competition is open to all New Zealand secondary school senior economics students and contributes towards NCEA achievement standards.

In the first round of the competition, each team was required to submit a video presentation of their group delivering their Monetary Policy Statement and their Official Cash Rate (OCR) decision. Thirty two teams from across New Zealand participated in this year's competition.

Reserve Bank economists, who judged the entries, were impressed with the calibre of the presentations and the teams' understanding of critical issues influencing the economy.

The six finalists will compete in the national finals next month, which will be held via video conferencing.

The winning team will visit the Reserve Bank in August to attend the Monetary Policy Statement media conference. They will also receive a \$2500 cash prize for their school and \$500 for each team member.

[Read about the Monetary Policy Challenge](#)

eTxt system

It is really important that in an emergency event our communications with education providers are as effective as possible to ensure the wellbeing of parents, children, teachers, staff and leaders of schools, kura and early learning centres.

In line with this, we tested the eTxt alert system on 21 May. During an emergency, the eTxt system allows us to contact you and for you to respond to us letting us know if you are all right or if you need any support.

Thank you all for your attention to this; 93.7% of our principals replied, with 36% in less than 5 minutes! The eTxt was also sent to board chairs with 80.6% replying.

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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