



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 12 August 2019

### Kia ora,

The Education Growth Plan for Canterbury has been announced, and included details for the expansion of Lemonwood Grove Primary School, acquisition of land for a new primary school in Rolleston, and 25 new classrooms across the Canterbury and Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast regions.

Minister Poto Williams visited Lemonwood Grove School, which will be significantly expanded for an extra 350 students. [Read more about the National Education Growth Plan on our website.](#)



Sumner School was busy during the break preparing for the move into their new spaces Te Onepoto, Awaroa and their whāre pukapuka. The move meant some changes to the school's routine, especially on the first morning of this term when their whānau came together to bless and open their new spaces.

Congratulations to everyone for all the hard work you did to make sure the spaces were ready for the start of Term 3.

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## Centrally-funded PLD – Term 3 reminder

**PLD proposal submission deadline for Term 3 is Friday 16 August**

Centrally-funded PLD is focused on building greater equity and excellence in priority areas. It is allocated regionally by a panel including sector representatives. Schools, kura and kāhui ako are then able to choose their own facilitators.

You can view our Canterbury regional priorities [online here \[PDF\]](#) and find more information on how you can access centrally-funded PLD on [our website](#).

**Key date for Term 4:** PLD proposal submission deadline: **25 October.**

## Canterbury DigiAwards 2019

The DigiAwards enable primary and intermediate students throughout Waitaha to design, develop and showcase their work. The theme for DigiAwards 2019 is Innovative Ōtautahi.



The event encourages and celebrates the digital creativity of our ākonga (learners).

This year students can submit entries in te reo Māori as well as English.

[Enter the DigiAwards online here.](#)

Entries close **5pm September 20**. For more information on the Canterbury DigiAwards [visit the website.](#)

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## Education (Domestic Students) Amendment Notice 2019

Pursuant to the Education Act 1989, section 2(1) paragraph (c) of the definition of the term “domestic student”, the Education (Domestic Students) Notice 2013 published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, [31 January 2013](#), No. 11, [page 383](#), is amended as follows:

By adding a new para (o) to clause 2:

(o) For the 2019 school year only, a child who arrived in New Zealand between 16 March 2019 and 12 May 2019 with their parents to support family members or close family friends who have been directly affected by the Christchurch mosque attacks.

This notice takes effect on the day after the date of its publication in the [New Zealand Gazette](#).

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## Media enquires – information for schools

Enquiries from the media can be daunting, especially if you don’t deal with them very often. [Our website](#) has general tips that can help you through the process and additional information on social media and where to get advice that includes:

[A school's guide for dealing with the media](#)

[A school's guide for managing negative social media](#)

## Property

### Christchurch Schools Rebuild (CSR) programme

On average, schools spend three years in the CSR programme. Before they enter the programme, we ask schools to create an education brief that sets out their vision for teaching and learning and how that will translate into physical spaces. The education brief is now part of our national practice and is an important step in the delivery of capital works projects.

### Project status update as at 31 July 2019

02	Yet to enter	03	Construction Tender
17	Pre-engagement	27	Construction
08	Master Planning	40	Complete
18	Design		

For the past three financial years, we have spent approximately \$140 million annually delivering the CSR programme. Looking ahead, this yearly figure is forecast to increase slightly as the programme approaches completion.

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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 7577, 021 813 407 or [email](#) me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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