



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 26 August 2019

Kia ora,

Learning Support Coordinators

As you know, the allocation of the first [Learning Support Coordinators](#) (LSCs) was announced on 2 August and is an important part of the Learning Support Action Plan to improve the way we provide learning support for children and young people.

Across New Zealand, LSCs were allocated to 124 clusters made up of 1,052 schools/kura. In Canterbury 111 schools/kura received an allocation.

The allocations were made based on how well schools/kura and clusters are engaging and progressing with the Learning Support Delivery Model (LSDM) along with demographic information to ensure that there was a good spread across urban, rural, Māori and Pacific student populations.

The LSDM is a collaborative approach to ensuring that services such as MOE, RTLB, Mana Ake, Oranga Tamariki and others are responsive to the needs of a school/kura community and take a joined-up approach to service provision ensuring the right supports get to the right children, all the time. This includes data sharing, identification of gaps and trends, and planning to work together in flexible, creative ways to meet needs.

There will be helpful learning from this allocation that will influence any subsequent tranches.

Post 15 March

We continue to provide support for children and families who have been directly or indirectly affected by March 15. This support includes a dedicated learning support service manager, Fiona Bartley, who liaises with Ministry of Social Development case workers, Victim Support and other agencies. If you have concerns about the wellbeing, attendance or engagement of a child in an early learning or school setting, please email Fiona.bartley@education.govt.nz

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) runs from 23 – 29 September. Limited edition [school explore packs](#) are available from the Mental Health Foundation that have information sheets and activity ideas to help your school celebrate MHAW, as well as an A3 wellbeing plan template. There are also posters available in both English and te reo Māori.

The school explore packs are limited edition. [Order yours online now](#) and remember to [register for MHAW updates](#) on the campaign.

Lockdown Review

Thank you for contributing to the Lockdown Review that was released last week. It was evident throughout the review that everyone's key focus was to improve practice and preparation to ensure children's safety for any potential future emergency event. The report is much stronger for your input in identifying opportunities for future national preparedness.

The safety of children and young people is our highest priority and we are committed to working with schools, early learning services and NZ Police to respond to recommendations in the report.

The [KPMG report](#) recognises that the Ministry of Education's [existing emergency guidance](#) is effective and accurate. While you know your own environment and context and are best placed to design emergency plans that meet your needs, our guidance is designed to help you by providing practical information to assist development of appropriate procedures and practices.

We will be inviting Canterbury principals and board chairs to a presentation at our office, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions before this.

School age population and the schooling network

We would like to invite principals or a representative and board chairs to attend a presentation and discussion to look at the changes that have occurred to the school age population and the schooling network across the Greater Christchurch area since 2010.

Date: Tuesday 17 September

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Ground Floor, Ministry of Education, 48 Hereford Street

RSVP: Events.Christchurch@education.govt.nz by Tuesday 10 September

For building health and safety reasons, the maximum seating capacity in this room is 120.

If you have questions, please contact Fiona Scott, lead adviser regional development, Fiona.Scott@education.govt.nz

Grow Waitaha - 2019 West Roadshow, hosted by West Melton School

The Grow Waitaha roadshow is focused on teachers supporting teachers in meaningful and practical ways. At each roadshow, the host school leads a hands-on practical workshop – this is a good opportunity to see their learning environment and connect with others, as well as:

- hear what learners in each host school think about learning
- engage in practical and hands-on strategies you can adapt
- have the time to explore and learn with other passionate teachers.

[Register here and find out more](#) about the second roadshow for Term 3 hosted at West Melton School on Thursday 5 September from 3.45pm – 5.00pm.

The Future of Learning Conference

This two-day national conference is where international and local experts will guide, educate and challenge participants through a journey of future technology scenarios and possibilities. It brings together professionals from education (primary, secondary and tertiary), business, government and community groups who have an interest in the interaction of technology and humanity to create the future of learning.

The conference will be held **30 September – 1 October** at the Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College. [Find more information and register on the Future of Learning website.](#)

Mana Ake

Enhancing wellbeing and positive mental health for children in school years 1-8 across Canterbury

Mana Ake - Stronger for Tomorrow supports children aged 5 to 12 years old across Canterbury who have difficulty managing their emotions, coping with parental separation, grief and loss, or who are feeling alone. The team works alongside schools and whānau when they have a concern about a child's wellbeing or mental health.

Mana Ake kaimahi can:

- support teachers to deliver classroom programmes that promote wellbeing
- work with children and their whānau at home and/or at school
- connect schools and whānau to community resources that enhance wellbeing.

Resources are available on the [Canterbury Clinical Network website](#) including links to leading lights for schools and a parent information flyer in English, te reo Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Chinese, Tagalog, Farsi and Arabic.

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow – Term 3 Cluster Forum

Date: Thursday, 5 September

Time: 9am-11.30am

Venue: The Design Lab, 17b Print Place, off Birmingham Drive, Middleton.

This forum brings together principals, SENCOs, and RTLBs from across Canterbury to share stories and ideas about what's working well around Mana Ake as well as hear updates from the project team.

It is also a great opportunity to explore cluster stories on how Mana Ake has encouraged wellbeing to become integrated for students and the wider school community. Please contact: manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz by **Friday 30 August** to confirm your attendance and share ideas to help shape the workshop.

Education Gazette

Surround sound: Music collaboration promotes holistic success

For nearly 25 years, promising young musicians in Canterbury have been offered training and support from primary school to university through a unique programme that has seen many go on to become professional musicians. [Read the full story on the Education Gazette website.](#)

Property

Cashmere High School's new performing arts centre

Cashmere High School held the official opening of the new McCombs Performing Arts Centre with their community earlier this month. Their original arts centre had to be replaced following the earthquakes. The timber flooring was salvaged from the original PAC building and used as in the theatre space of the new building.



The new facility seats 820 people and has music teaching spaces on the exterior of the building and two dance/teaching spaces for drama on the ground floor. The opening event created a great opportunity for the community to celebrate together as well as a chance for guests to view the new spaces.

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The NZ Literacy Association Conference 2019

Join educators from across the country and around the world to discuss and explore this year's theme 'The arts as a bridge to literacy.'

Date: 29 September – 2 October

Venue: Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch

The [NZLA website](#) has more information including draft programme, workshops, keynote speakers, and registration details.

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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