



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 09 September 2019

Kia ora,

It will soon be the six-month anniversary of the mosque attacks in Christchurch. In remembrance, hundreds of messages and mementos left as tributes will be displayed in 'Tributes of Aroha' at Christchurch Art Gallery – Te Puna o Waiwhetu.

'Tributes of Aroha' showcases the international outpouring of love, support and solidarity following the events of 15 March. It opens Friday 13 September at 5.30pm with guest speakers from the Muslim and civic communities.

The tributes will remain on display at the Gallery over the weekend of 14 and 15 September. Everyone is welcome to attend the display and opening event. Admission is free.

Hinds School

Hinds School opened its new senior block on 23 August. Parents, caregivers and friends joined the school to celebrate. Congratulations to everyone involved in the redevelopment, you must all be very proud of what has been achieved. These fantastic new spaces offer so many exciting possibilities for the school and will serve the Hinds School community for many years to come.



Hornby High School



The completion of Stage 2 of Hornby High School's building programme was recognised with a blessing on 27 August.

On behalf of the Ministry team I would like to acknowledge the considerable amount of work put in by so many people throughout this process. I congratulate you all for your efforts in making these new teaching spaces a reality.

Grow Waitaha

Focused on enabling learning to be in the driver's seat: Ao Tawhiti School visit

Hear about the Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery aspirations – where they are at and where to next. The new innovative learning space opened in Term 2 this year, beginning the next leg in the school's journey.

This is an opportunity to tour the new learning spaces, talk to students, teachers and parents and hear from them what is working and why.

When: 19 September, 12.45pm – 3.30pm

You can find out more including registration information on the [Grow Waitaha website](#).

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

Mana Ake team finalists in the Spirit of Service Awards 2019

Mana Ake - Stronger for Tomorrow has been selected as a finalist for the Spirit of Service awards in the Better Outcomes Award / Te Tohu mō ngā Hua E Pai Ake Ana category.

Members of the Mana Ake Service Level Alliance presented to a judging panel in Wellington in July. They were one of only 19 shortlisted, from 84 entries across five award categories.

On the State Services Commission's website Peter Hughes, Head of State Services, said: "The Spirit of Service Awards are an opportunity to celebrate outstanding public services and public sector initiatives delivering great outcomes for New Zealanders. The judges were extremely impressed with the quality of entries, which demonstrated not only public sector excellence but also a spirit of service to the community."

Mana Ake is making a real difference for students, whānau, teachers, principals and all those who work with primary and intermediate school-age children in Canterbury. Hear what they have to say about Mana Ake in this [video](#).

Winners will be announced Thursday 12 September.

Festival of Youth Development

The Festival of Youth Development will be held in Christchurch from **16 – 18 September**. This three-day series of events will focus on how as a wider sector and community we can continue to do things together, but better.

For more information on the schedule of events and how to register [please click here](#).

Post March 15 – updated inter-agency news

We continue to work 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](#).
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Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards

The 2019 Ceremony for the awards will be held in Wellington tomorrow on Tuesday 10 September.

We wish all the best to Halswell Residential College, a finalist in the Excellence in Engaging category and Waimairi Primary School, a finalist in the Excellence in Leading category.

Halswell Residential College focused on modernising its programme to provide a 24/7 educational environment. It developed a joined-up, intensive intervention and wrap-around programme for its students.

Waimairi Primary School focused on smoothing children's transitions from early learning services into the school. It has woven aspects of Te Whāriki into teaching and learning in the early years' classrooms.

You can find more about the finalists' [entries here](#).

Reminder - 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 looking 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 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:

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Property - Capital Works Southern supplier briefings

Often I am asked if there is enough capacity in the market for all of the work the property team is engaged in. Part of ensuring we can deliver our projects is the way we work with our suppliers – they are essential business partners and we want to remain their preferred client, receiving great, cost effective service.

Recently the Southern Delivery Team was delighted to host over 250 suppliers where we outlined the work we have coming up. Two briefings were held in Christchurch; one for the work on the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme and one for the work across the South Island. We also hosted South Island-wide briefings in Nelson and in Queenstown.

These events are an important part of our partner engagement process and are designed to help make future planning for our suppliers easier and to provide us with helpful feedback. The feedback we received from the briefings has been really positive – our suppliers are committed to working with us and our schools to deliver great results to you.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues. Coralanne will be back for the next bulletin – in the meantime you are always welcome to call me on 03 378 7577/021 813 407 or send me an [email](#).

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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