



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 02 December 2019

### Kia ora

As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to offer my thanks to you for all that you have done throughout the year and for your contribution to education for all children and young people in Canterbury.

Working together, learning from and supporting each other is the key for success and I appreciate the support of boards and principals who have worked closely with us on a range of projects this year.

The highlights and successes, of which there have been plenty, would not have been possible without every one of you. It is your commitment and care that makes our region a great one and I am incredibly proud of what has been achieved this year.

I hope you find the time to enjoy the festive season, have a very relaxing break with family and friends and may it be a time of forming many more happy memories for you.

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### Support over term break

This is our last newsletter for the year and our office will be closed **from 5pm, Tuesday 24 December until 8am, Monday 6 January 2020.**

If you require any support during these times please contact:

- School Support Limited on 0800 111 775 for emergency responses to property matters i.e. fire, flood, extreme weather or email [Yvone.caetano@schoolsupport.co.nz](mailto:Yvone.caetano@schoolsupport.co.nz)
- Traumatic incident support team on 0800 848 326.

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### Protecting your school property

Schools are four times more likely to suffer an arson attack than commercial buildings, but all schools can take steps to improve fire safety and reduce the likelihood of arson. Keep all entry points locked when the building is unoccupied, illuminate all exterior buildings, doors and parking lots at night and keep rubbish bins and dumpsters far from the building. You can also ask neighbours and parents to keep an eye on the school and report any fires and serious vandalism to police immediately.

For more information on protecting your school and assets see [the Fire and Emergency NZ website](#). Don't forget to check your fire alarms and please contact your school property advisor if you have any concerns.

## Royal Commonwealth Society literacy event

During the Royal visit to Christchurch on 22 November, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall attended a literacy event at Tūranga, the Central City Library. The event included poetry, creative writing, media and journalism workshops for young writers from Canterbury Schools. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to be exposed to different writing styles and be inspired to create their own work. Students also took part in an assembly and awards ceremony.



As the Society's Vice-Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall launched The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2020 at the event, on the theme 'Climate Action and the Commonwealth'. This is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883, with thousands of young people taking part every year. [Visit the competition website](#) for more information.

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## Centrally-funded PLD 2020

Term 1 2020 - 27 January to 9 April	
Friday 28 February	PLD Proposal submission deadline
Friday 20 March	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting
Term 3 2020 – 20 July to 25 September	
Friday 21 August	PLD Proposal submission deadline
Friday 11 September	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting
Term 4 2020 – 12 October to 16 - 18 December	
Friday 23 October	PLD Proposal submission deadline
Monday 16 November	Area Allocation Panel moderation meeting

For further information on [centrally-funded PLD](#), please refer to our [website](#).

For submission of PLD proposals, queries or clarifications about the process please email [pldcanterbury@education.govt.nz](mailto:pldcanterbury@education.govt.nz)

## Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow

### School and general practice connection

The ongoing work through Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow has identified that better communication between schools and general practice would provide better support for some children and young people.

In response, the Mana Ake team has been working with others to adapt an online tool to allow Canterbury schools to easily connect and share information with Canterbury general practice teams when they have a health or wellbeing concern about a child.

The tool, Electronic Referral Management System (ERMS), has been used across general practice teams and hospital clinicians for 10 years to send secure, electronic referrals that ensure people in need of health services are connected to the right person as soon as possible. In this instance, the tool will enable both schools and general practice teams to flag information with one another and seek input or guidance from the other party when they identify concerns. This could include information sharing (e.g. allergies) or flagging items for attention (e.g. school attendance).

All Canterbury schools will be able to access ERMS Online from Term 1 2020, however the functionality will be enabled school-by-school once each school identifies a key contact and advises the Mana Ake project team they are ready to proceed. Support will be provided via the Mana Ake team. Schools are currently being asked to provide the necessary information to assist with implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mana Ake project team via [manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:manaakefeedback@cdhb.health.nz)

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## Grow Waitaha 2020 Wellbeing Community of Practice

The Wellbeing Community of Practice supports schools/kāhui ako in developing systematic wellbeing strategies and will focus on:

- wellbeing literacy and skills
- te ao Māori world view
- leading change
- learnings from each other across the education sector.

The Community of Practice involves four hui (Terms 1-4) and mentoring sessions focused on strategic action back in your school, Kura or kāhui ako. The first hui will be held on:

**Date:** 13 February 2020

**Time:** 9am - 4pm

[Click here to register](#)

## Staff guidelines for safe digital technology use

[Netsafe Schools](#) is a free programme to help New Zealand schools and kura establish, develop and promote online safety, citizenship and wellbeing in their school community.

Although digital technology provides educators with new ways to engage and educate students, it also can present complex challenges and dilemmas for educators.

Check out their range of [FREE downloadable online safety resources](#)

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Once again please enjoy your well-deserved break with loved ones, keep safe and we look forward to a new and exciting year of opportunities in 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 378 7345, 0274 200 251 or [email](#) me.

Enjoy the final bulletin for the year.

Mā te wā

**Coralanne Child**

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