



## Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 18 November 2019

### Kia ora,

Congratulations to the schools that participated in this year's Lions Christchurch Schools' Music Festival, a wonderful celebration of music with nearly 4000 children participating over four nights. This was a huge year for the music festival, celebrating its 80 years as well as the return to the Town Hall.

This is the largest annual event in the South Island dedicated to developing young musical talent. The festival is a result of a lot of hard work by teachers, staff and principals and many hours of rehearsals by performers. Well done everyone.



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### Online Support - Assalamu Alaikum Introducing Youthline for Muslims

This service provides online support for youth between 12-16 who may be struggling or need an ally to chat with. If this seems helpful for your students [click on the link to find out more!](#)



This programme is a Youthline initiative kindly sponsored by the Vodafone Foundation and the Ministry of Youth Development.

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### UNESCO Global Citizenship Awards open

The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO acknowledges education or community groups that encourage New Zealanders to become responsible and active global citizens with the biennial UNESCO Awards in Global Citizenship Education.

They are now calling for applications for the Global Citizen Education (GCED) Award, which recognises outstanding projects by individuals, institutions and organisations related to GCED. Applications **close 27 March 2020**.

For more information, [visit the NZ National Commission for UNESCO website](#).

## School principal recognised with Ara Poutama Corrections Rangatira Award

In a first for the southern region, St Mary's Primary School principal David O'Neill was presented with an Ara Poutama Corrections' Rangatira Award.

The award recognises David's excellent leadership and his support and communication with school whānau.

The Corrections team was impressed by David's leadership, the relationship between David and his school community and the way he exemplified the special character of his school and supported the wider schools community.



“Corrections relies a great deal on community partners to help give people with offending histories the opportunity to transition and reside successfully and safely in their community,” says southern region accommodation manager Lauren Ball. “Our partnerships with the Ministry of Education, principals and the early childhood sector are crucial to this. These individuals and groups play an important role in keeping our communities informed and safe by advising, reassuring and educating the community.”

The Whanonga Pono Rangatira Award was presented by Corrections Canterbury community engagement team Lauren Ball and Karen McLeish with Sine Stewart, lead advisor engagement and wellbeing, Ministry of Education.

“Community partners make our communities safer,” says Lauren “and we thank them for their professionalism and ongoing support of Corrections and of all the people who make up our community.”

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## Grow Waitaha

### Year 7/8 Technology Incubator

You are invited to attend the Grow Waitaha Technology Incubator Hui to unpack and share new ideas around the question: *How will we engage our tamariki in an ever changing world, through technology?*

**Date:** Tuesday 3 December

**Time:** 2 – 4.30pm

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

## Property

### Canterbury property update

Since the school property funding was announced in Budget 2019, we have scoped 13 of 14 projects and held initial discussions with schools on their work programmes. This investment equates to 45 teaching spaces for roll growth. The majority of schools will begin their design phase early next year with varying completion dates from December this year to mid-2021. There are currently 33 Canterbury redevelopment projects at various stages of approval, design and construction equating to over \$160 million of work. We continue to monitor roll growth and redevelopment needs so we can plan future works accordingly.

Following the announcement of the Government's reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system on 12 November, some of you have asked me what these changes mean for you and your board's property responsibilities. We will identify opportunities to remove the burden on schools and boards for infrastructure management and maintenance while ensuring schools and communities continue to have significant input into the design of their physical spaces.

More information can be found on the [conversation website](#), and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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I thought I would share these stories with you; [Leighfield student's water slide experience at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools in The Press](#) and a story on TVNZ last week about [Ao Tawhiti School being the first school in NZ to have Te Reo in lifts](#).

It is always great to hear about what students are doing. If you would like us to share any of your experiences please let me know and send in a picture.

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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 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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