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SCHOOL LEADERS

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IES update

Role guides for Communities of Schools:

For schools that are considering the roles associated with IES they can find further advice at:

- [Guidelines for the appointment to the Community of Schools Teacher \(across community\) role](#)
- [Guidelines for the appointment of Community of Schools Teacher \(within school\) role](#)
- [Guidelines for the appointment to the Community of Schools Leadership role](#)

Principal Recruitment Allowance Guide:

- [Principal Recruitment Allowance Guidelines](#)

For further assistance please [contact your Director of Education](#) or [email the IES team](#)

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Nominations sought for EDUCANZ

EDUCANZ is the new independent statutory body that will replace the New Zealand Teachers Council in mid 2015.

EDUCANZ will raise the status of the education profession and give educators a stronger voice in education policy. It will lead the teaching profession across the ECE and schooling

sectors and encourage greater public recognition of the contribution that the education profession makes to New Zealand.

The governing council of EDUCANZ will have nine members, including the chair. A majority will come from the education profession and at least five members must be registered teachers holding current practising certificates.

Nominations are welcome from any organisation or individual with an interest and experience in education. All appointments will be made by the Minister of Education on the basis of skills, experience and knowledge. Members will act in the interests of the teaching profession as a whole, rather than any sector group.

We are looking for people with strong governance experience, who can bring judgement and innovation to the EDUCANZ roles. They also need to be experienced strategic thinkers with knowledge relevant to the role, good analytical competencies and strong communicators. **Nominations close on 26 March 2015.**

[Click here for further information including position descriptions, details on how to apply or nominate someone else](#)

You can also email: appointments.mailbox@minedu.govt.nz or call 0800 EDUCANZ (0800 338 2269) during normal office hours.

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Health and Safety Reform Bill update

The Health and Safety Reform Bill is still going through the Parliamentary process. We are taking advantage of this time to determine the potential implications of proposed changes to the existing Health & Safety legislation for the education sector.

We continue to work closely with sector representatives to update our guidance to you. The next Health and Safety Sector Reference Group meeting is scheduled for 23 March and we have called for agenda items so we have an opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Also, our property team will be holding several regional forums for nominated school sector representatives where they will provide an update on the H&S Reform Bill.

The dates for these forums are:

- 4 March - Taupo
- 18 March - Auckland
- 25 March - Whanganui

- 26 March - Dunedin.

All enquiries about these regional forums should be directed to property staff in your area office.

Although the reforms propose some changes to accountabilities and personal liabilities for organisations and their workers, if your school has quality health and safety practices in place now, it is likely little will need to change in practical terms.

We suggest you check your current Health and Safety processes are up to date, rather than wait until the new law comes into force.

We will keep you posted about the new accountabilities, responsibilities and penalties the new law will create with regular Bulletin updates.

For more information about the Bill [visit WorkSafe's website](#) or for information around your duties [click here](#)

Together we will be well prepared for the new Act when it is implemented.

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Heads up

Seeking members for the Advanced Classroom Expertise Teacher expert panel

An independent panel of experts is required to evaluate portfolios as part of the process of recognising Advanced Classroom Expertise Teachers (ACET).

We are now seeking submissions from people interested in becoming a panel member. Six panelists will consider portfolios from teachers who apply for recognition as an ACET over a three-to-four week period from 24 August 2015. The panel will be chaired by Dr Mary Simpson and members will be engaged by the Ministry of Education to work on a full time basis over the required period.

To make a submission, you need to complete the Submission for Appointment Form and provide your Curriculum Vitae. To receive the guide and form, please email: ACET.Recognition@minedu.govt.nz or call 0800 165 225

Completed submissions must be received by **23 March 2015**.

Overview of required expertise

- leadership (management) experience and high standing in the primary education sector
- extensive and current pedagogical knowledge and/or practice
- post-graduate qualification(s) in an aspect of pedagogy
- ability to critically analyse and assess information
- recent involvement in teacher professional development
- experience in moderating judgments in the education context

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Two national reports released by ERO

The Education Review Office has released two national reports about wellbeing in schools. The reports, [Wellbeing for Children's Success: Primary Schools](#) and [Wellbeing for Young Person's Success: Secondary Schools](#) document the findings of EROs 2014 evaluation of how schools are promoting and responding to the wellbeing of their students.

The two evaluations are part of EROs contribution to the Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project to improve outcomes for young people. The reports give examples of effective wellbeing practice but also highlight the areas in which schools could be doing more. Some of the issues ERO found included student stress caused by too much assessment in secondary schools, and the cumulative effect of wellbeing needs not being met earlier on for Years 7 and 8 students.

Printed reports will be distributed to all schools in the next two weeks. Please email: info@ero.govt.nz if you'd like more information.

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First World War learning resources available online

There is huge interest across generations in the First World War and the Centenary commemorations provide a great opportunity to engage learners.

Using the vast amount of available information on the First World War, in conjunction with the National Library's Service to Schools, we have developed inquiry guides (English medium) and resource packs (Māori medium) to provide teachers with resources for developing First World War learning programmes.

The first sets of inquiry guides and resource packs are available on the [Ministry's TKI platform](#). Further guides and packs will be progressively rolled out between now and September.

Developed by teachers for teachers, the inquiry guides are aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum and resource packs are aligned with Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. The aim is to enable students to explore how the events and experiences of the First World War are relevant to them today and the influence they have had on shaping Aotearoa / New Zealand. They will support students in years 1-13 to meet achievement objectives across a range of learning areas, including: English, the arts, health and physical education, learning languages, mathematics and statistics, science, social sciences and technology.

They are easy to use and have been designed around five broad themes related to the First World War:

- Identity and Heritage
- Making Connections
- Citizenship Perspectives
- New Zealand in the Pacific
- Peace and Reconciliation

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Discontinuation of DVD Writers in TELA Laptop Scheme

From the end of Term one, DVD writers will no longer be delivered with TELA laptops. This change has been prompted by changes in laptop hardware manufacture, increased internet use in schools and user feedback.

Please call the TELA helpdesk on 0800 438 468 or email: support@tela.co.nz if you require more information or require assistance with these changes

Background

During the past 18 months, upgraded models that don't include integrated DVD writers have been introduced to the TELA catalogue as a response to user requests for lighter and more portable machines. Many schools no longer need external DVD writers due to the internet enabling access to content such as video and software downloads, the introduction of cloud computing and increasing N4L uptake.

External DVD writers that were shipped with each machine will no longer be provided as part of the TELA Scheme. Savings generated from the reduced cost of school lease charges will offset the cost of purchase of external DVD writers. These are widely available from local suppliers.

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Consultation on NCEA Review and Maintenance Programme for Mathematics and Statistics, and Science

It would be much appreciated if School Leaders could forward this to their Mathematics and Statistics; and Science Heads of Departments/Faculties.

We are consulting with the secondary sector for each learning area. Consultation, in the form of an online survey, is now open for Maths and Statistics, and Science learning areas.

You can access the surveys from the following links until **Tuesday 7 April**

- [Mathematics and Statistics survey](#)
- [Science survey](#)

As part of our ongoing maintenance programme of NCEA, we have begun a five-year cycle of reviewing our resources and their links to NCEA achievement standards in each learning area. [As mentioned in the last bulletin](#), Mathematics and Statistics, and Science are the first learning areas we are looking at.

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International Researchers coming to Wellington

We are pleased to present two internationally renowned educational researchers and speakers.

Michael Fullan is a worldwide authority on educational reform with a mandate of helping to achieve the moral purpose of all children learning. In this seminar he will be covering some of the biggest issues education faces today.

- **12 March**, 3.15pm-5.00pm
- Te Puni Kōkiri House, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington

To register your interest [email Melissa Cooper](#)

Anthony S. Bryk is the ninth president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is one of America's most noted educational researchers. He is leading work on transforming educational research and development, more closely joining researchers and practitioners to improve teaching and learning.

- **19 March**, 3.15pm – 5.00pm

- Te Puni Kōkiri House, 143 Lambton Quay, Wellington

To register your interest [email Melissa Cooper](#)

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More funding for Computers in Homes

The Government has agreed to continue funding the Computers in Homes programme, meaning another 1500 families around the country can participate.

[The Computers in Homes programme](#), funded by the Ministry since 2014 and run by the 2020 Communications Trust, works through low decile schools to provide families with a computer, a home internet connection and training and support. This new funding will be available in the 2015-16 financial year.

As digital technology becomes more common, it is increasingly important for parents to have the skills and confidence to use technology in their everyday life and to better connect with their children's learning. The [parents' website](#) has further information about using digital technologies for learning.

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General

Links of interest from Education New Zealand (ENZ)

- [Wanted: Good news stories](#). ENZ is on the hunt for good news stories to promote NZ Education offshore.
- [Flying Kiwi makes return flight](#). A NZ student's Chilean study experience; its impact on her and her host family's education choices.

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Football in Schools: Learning resources for Years 1-8

[Learning resources available from FIFA U-20 World Cup Football in Schools programme.](#)

They are relevant for Years 1-8 and linked to the NZ Curriculum. Schools who register before the end of Term 1 could gain the opportunity to provide player escorts (6-10 year olds) for the tournament.

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REGIONAL NEWS



TAI TOKERAU | Hira Gage

No news this issue. Email me any time hira.gage@minedu.govt.nz

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AUCKLAND | Kevin Emery

Kia ora koutou

I am very pleased to announce that Hoana Pearson, the principal of Newton Central Primary, is to join our Auckland team for a year from Monday 23 February.

Hoana is a very well known and respected principal and Māori educationalist who has worked tirelessly for many years to advance the achievement and success of Māori, through education in both

Māori medium and mainstream settings.

Hoana will be working with me and the wider Auckland management team in setting up closer relationships with Māori educationalists across Auckland (and nationally as relevant), facilitating the development of a Māori medium strategy for Auckland, assisting with the extension of the Māori medium team within Auckland, and supporting initiatives that progress Māori achievement.

Feel free to [email me](#) or call 09 632 9333 at any time.

Ngā mihi
Kevin

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WAIKATO | Paula Rawiri

Tēnā koutou katoa. Ka nui te mihi maioha ki a koutou. Warm greetings to you all.

Ministerial Regional Cross Sector Forum on raising achievement

We will be hosting the first regional forum on 5 March, with people invited to participate from across the education, business, local government and community sectors. This forum builds on the national forum set up by the Minister of Education in June 2012 and will focus on giving effect to the government education priorities, sharing information across the education sector and wider community and examining specific achievement challenges in the Waikato region. This is a new look with four regional forums complementing four national forums across the Ministry's 10 areas throughout 2015.

Fields of Remembrance

This week our people from the Waikato office will begin to deliver packages to your school or kura if you have chosen to participate in the [Fields of Remembrance](#). These resources help support you with your commemorations for WWI. You should expect a phone call from us to check that you do want these resources prior to their arrival and we will want to know who will be receiving them if this is the case. I do encourage you to speak with your wider community about how you will be commemorating WWI and in particular the use of these important resources in your school or kura.



Opening of new early childhood service in Hamilton - Te Kōhao Kōhungahunga – Early Learning Centre

This new bi-lingual 50 place service was opened on 12 February in Hamilton by Kingi Tuheitia. The festivities included the unveiling of a pou outside the building and a whare in the playground.

The provider is Te Kōhao Health Ltd. The provider received funding through a government grant focused on supporting participation in ECE. Located adjacent to the Enderley Community centre, the service will prioritise the enrolment of children not currently participating in early childhood education, from the Insoil area in particular. The building design and playground reflect aspects of tikanga and includes whānau facilities and a doctor's consulting room.

The Te Kōhao Health vision is: Whakatinanatia ko te ihi, ko te wana me te hauoranga o te whānau – Strong, healthy, vibrant and prosperous whānau.

Seminar on Special Assessment conditions

On 11 March, staff from NZQA are running a seminar in Hamilton on 'Special Assessment Conditions' (SAC) for Secondary School SENCOs, learning support co-ordinators, principal nominees and RTLB working in secondary schools. The seminar will focus on both the processes for applying for SAC (including the alternative evidence pathway) and implementing the conditions for NCEA assessments. SAC allow a student to get support in an assessment to remove barriers to achievement. They enable students to show their potential in an assessment, rather than be limited by a condition that impairs their ability to achieve. [See the Special Assessment Conditions flyer for more information](#)

BNZ Safer Schools

We are partnering with Crimestoppers, NZ Police, SelectaDNA and BNZ in a nationwide rollout, which will see forensic property kits issued to all New Zealand schools. As a principal, you should have received an invitation to the launch of Safer Schools being held in the Waikato area on Wednesday 11 March 4 - 5.30pm at the BNZ Partners – Hamilton Business Centre 354 Victoria Street, Hamilton Central. [Here's the Safer Schools invitation in case you missed it.](#)

Please RSVP to Safer.Schools@minedu.govt.nz if you have not already so we can allow for catering.

A reminder...

[The Big Day In](#) – is for new entrant teachers and early childhood teachers to enhance their knowledge of early mathematics and early literacy and will be held:

- Wednesday 18 March
- Hamilton Ministry Office, 19 Home Straight, Te Rapa, Hamilton.

Noho ora mai
Paula

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BAY OF PLENTY, ROTORUA, TAUPO | Ezra Schuster

Kia ora

I hope the last fortnight has been a good one for you and I can't believe it's already March. I've been out meeting some of you and want to thank Chris at Whakatane High and his other Whakatane principal colleagues, Helen at Tarawera High School, Violet at Western Heights High School, Rachel at Kawerau Putauaki School, Richard at Gate Pa School and Bob at Owkata Primary for meeting with me over the last couple of weeks

I also had the opportunity to meet with the Western Bay of Plenty Mayor Ross Peterson and Chief Executive Miriam Taris with a number of our managers to discuss how we can work more collaboratively to support schools and kura. It was a really productive meeting and we'll continue to share information and where possible, work together.

There are a number of notices this fortnight:

Honouring Faimai Tuimauga

I want to take the time to honour a dear friend and passionate advocate of Pasifika education, Mrs Faimai Tuimauga who passed away suddenly last weekend in Auckland. She may not have been known to most of you in this region but she was a strong and active community leader that took the lead in several national education initiatives that many schools and early childhood centres across NZ would have benefitted from.

Property Forums

You should have been invited to a Regional Property Sector Forum on **Wednesday, 4 March** at **Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels in Taupo** hosted by my property colleagues. The forum **starts at 9:30am** with an approximate finish time of 3:30pm. [Here's the map and directions](#)

I am unable to attend Wednesday's forum but at least one of our education managers will be attending, Cheryl Bunker and/or Graham Parker. These forums are important opportunities to update and better inform you about property matters but if you have any other queries or issues, please take the time to connect with Cheryl or Graham.

If you're unable to make this forum, there is another one being held in Rotorua on Wednesday 19 August. The change of location is due to Air New Zealand's flight changes for the Taupo area, which has made it difficult for some attendees to get to the venue on time. Further details will be made available closer to the date.

If you have any queries about the Property Forums please email: anna.corboy@minedu.govt.nz

Fields of Remembrance

In the last Bulletin, you will recall a reminder about the Fields of Remembrance commemoration packages. From last week, our people have been delivering them to your doorstep and I look forward to hearing how they are being utilised. If you have any questions regarding Fields of Remembrance and/or haven't received your package, please email: delwyn.frost@minedu.govt.nz in our Rotorua office.

Special Education Courses and Workshops

[Attached is a schedule of courses and workshops for 2015](#) delivered primarily from our Tauranga and Whakatane offices, as well as in venues across the Mount Maunganui and Te Puke. One the key aims of these programmes is to promote participation, engagement and achievement by children and young people and learning and sharing alongside other professionals. For further information please email: maree.branigan@minedu.govt.nz in our Tauranga office or call 07 571 7800.

For schools outside of these areas and closer to our Rotorua office, I will send a schedule in my next update.

Feel free to email: ezra.schuster@minedu.govt.nz or call on 07 349 8309 anytime.

Ngā mihi
Ezra

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HAWKE'S BAY, GISBORNE | Marilyn Scott

Hello everyone

The last two weeks seem to have gone in a flash. I've had two trips to our Gisborne office in that time and I'm currently in Wellington for a series of meetings, so it's not surprising that it feels that way.

School Visits

I'm beginning to get around schools again now. If you'd like me to visit, get in contact with my EA, Emy Johnstone on (06) 8336795 or email: emy.johnstone@minedu.govt.nz and she'll arrange a time. I'm happy to meet with principals or boards in the evenings or during the day.

Fields of Remembrance

As many of you will know, the Fields of Remembrance project is now underway. We have commenced delivery of the 30 white crosses to all participating schools in the region. Delivery of the packages will be completed before the end of March and schools should aim to have the display assembled in time for Anzac Day.

The Fields of Remembrance goal is to commemorate the men and women who died for New Zealand and to educate New Zealand's young people of the service and sacrifice made during World War I. Each cross is named to include local men, nurses, New Zealand Victoria Cross recipients, the youngest New Zealander who died (aged 17), an All Black captain, and with the words "Known Unto God" to represent the unknown soldier.

If you have any questions please email fieldsof.remembrance@minedu.govt.nz or email: terry.obrien@minedu.govt.nz , our Fields of Remembrance Co-ordinator for Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti.

Interim Response Fund

Recently, we process mapped all our 'business as usual' work. In the case of the Interim Response Fund, this means some small changes. Staff will no longer be able to indicate the amount of funding when a phone call is first made by a school. This is because we are working in a more integrated way within the Ministry with Special Education contributing to the decision making. RTLB staff may also provide advice and feedback in the process. This internal moderation aims to strengthen consistency around the amounts given and the budget.



Art Deco

As you'll know, it was Art Deco weekend in Napier last weekend. With our offices so close to the old Rothmans front door, some of our staff have an annual photo taken. As usual, I was away! Anyway, I thought you might like to see it.

Have a great two weeks everyone.

Marilyn Scott

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TARANAKI, WHANGANUI, MANAWATU | Jann Marshall

Kia ora koutou

Community of Schools

Do you want to have a Community of Schools cluster up and running for 2016? Please contact us now so that we can provide you with information on the process.

Ministry staff

Many of you will have had contact with our staff. We have had some changes over the latter part of 2014 and we are taking this opportunity to introduce our team and ensure you have the latest contact details. [Attached are the profiles of the schooling staff and managers in the area.](#) Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Special Education District Manager

Rob Nicholl has replaced Garth Bennie as district manager for the Central Districts until June 2015. Rob has come from the role of the greater Wellington district fund manager and has been a service manager for Special Education for ten years. Rob can be contacted by phone 027 443 8006 or email: robert.nicholl@minedu.govt.nz

Please feel free to email: jann.marshall@minedu.govt.nz or call on 06 349 6352.
Ngā mihi, Jann

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WELLINGTON | Pauline Cleaver

Kia ora koutou

Wellington Anzac Street Parade

The Wellington Anzac street parade on **24 April starts at 12.30pm**, Parliament Grounds, 1 Molesworth Street, Thorndon and ends at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, 2pm approx.

Note: There will be **considerable road closures and delays** in the city from **9am to 5pm**. This will also have an impact on any journeys in and around the city including the regular afternoon school buses. More details will follow in the next bulletin.

Please feel free to call me 04 463 8668 or email: pauline.cleaver@minedu.govt.nz anytime.

Ngā mihi, Pauline

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NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, WEST COAST | Erika Ross

Kia ora koutou

Charters

While you would have all received information about the process for submitting charters, remember that your senior advisor is available to answer any queries or concerns you may have and to help you with the process.

Possible speaker

If you need a very good speaker for one of your principal association meetings or even for a parent community meeting, I recommend Dr Rob Beaglehole, BSc, BDS, MSc Dental Public Health (London), Principal Dental Officer Community Oral Health Service Nelson Marlborough District Health Board. You may have seen him on a programme with Nigel Latta last year talking about the impact of sugar on our children's health and particularly the impact on their teeth. His contact details are (03) 546 1600 ext 7600

Roby.Beaglehole@nmdhb.govt.nz

Te Matatini Kapahaka festival

All the best to our kura who are competing at the Te Matatini National Kapa Haka festival competition in Christchurch on 4 – 8 March. I know you have all been working hard to prepare for this exciting event and we wish you well.

Feel free to call me 03 359 1533 or email: erika.ross@minedu.govt.nz anytime.

Ngā mihi
Erika

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CANTERBURY | Coralanne Child

Canterbury Regional News

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Kia ora

The year has started with a real buzz and much activity. It has been wonderful to speak with many of you and I look forward to this continuing throughout the year. It has also been a time to acknowledge

and celebrate the achievements of two pioneers in education with the recent passing of Robin Duff and Hoana Bosustow.

Robin is remembered as an education and gay rights activist. He was the senior vice president of the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA), a senior figure in the association for 10 years, serving as junior vice president from 2005 to 2007 and president from 2007 to 2009, and again from 2011 to 2013. He sat as senior vice president from 2009 to 2011 and 2013 until his death. Robin's commitment to supporting secondary teachers and his work to make schools a better place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students is both nationally and internationally acknowledged. In recent years Robin had been working to support Canterbury teachers in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake.

Hoana Bosustow was a respected teacher and leader of Te Kura Whakapumau i te reo Tūturu ki Waitaha. She will be remembered for her work and commitment to both the Kura and community. Very recently her work was captured in a television series which focused on Christchurch schools and featured on Canterbury Television.

Te Matatini

Every two years, the top kapa haka teams from New Zealand and Australia compete for the honour of being crowned the best at the Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival. The national Kapa Haka festival will be celebrated in Christchurch from 4 - 8 March. Attendees will experience a banquet of local cuisine, stunning arts and crafts and kapa haka. This is an exciting time for the Māori performing arts and the Ministry of Education is proud to be supporting this event. More information can be found on the [Te Matatini](#) website.

Investing in Educational Success

In the last couple of weeks, we have been busy meeting a number of groups of principals and school boards about Communities of Schools (COS). Of the first 11 Communities of Schools, nationally two were from Canterbury. We know there are a number of groups of schools beginning to talk together about forming a community and we can give you all the help you need to get started, both at the beginning and later as you decide on achievement challenges, once approved as a COS.

Please contact your senior advisor if you would like to organise a meeting.

[You can now find more information here about Investing in Educational Success](#)

Media

A guide has been developed by Canterbury Principals' groups with the Ministry of Education to support you and help you support your staff, students and community when there is media interest in your school. [Click here to see the Media Check Sheet](#)

Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association conference

The Canterbury West Coast Secondary Principals' Association conference is being held in Christchurch on 10 and 11 March. The focus will be on modern learning practice in secondary schools for 21st century learners. An update on the conference will be in our next newsletter.

Collaborative initiatives making a difference

Young Leaders Camp

All of the Year 7 and 8 pupils from the Whakaraupo Learning Community Cluster - Diamond Harbour School, Governors Bay and the newly merged Lyttelton Primary School, attended a 'Young Leaders' Camp' at Living Springs for the first two days of this new school year. The Year 7 and 8 teachers from the three schools were also able to get to know each other and enjoyed time to compare notes and make plans for further collaborative ventures in the future. The purpose was to give the students a chance to connect, collaborate, and think about their roles as leaders in their schools and as future leaders of their local community.

Each bunkroom was made up of students from each school and friendships were quickly established. 'Initiatives', team games, adventure-based learning, great food and plenty of fun was complemented by a question and answer session with Speaker of the House, David Carter who lives and farms locally.

The next venture will be a combined harvest festival event, with Project Lyttelton, which celebrates the produce and producers of the harbour. A teacher-only-day for staff of all three schools, as well as our ECE members, is also booked for the Easter holidays.

Cluster leader Tracey Janes who organised the camp says: The three school principals have met regularly and already have a great working relationship. There was a hugely enjoyable event for all three boards and administrators from the schools, so it was definitely time to get the students working as a team too. The organisation was huge, especially as much of it had to happen over the Christmas holidays when many staff and students were away, but the results were amazing. It was fantastic to see the students mixing so well, working as a team. The teachers and students have been in touch since our return from camp, and we are all looking forward to catching up again soon.

To enable us to share your projects please email: amanda.dowling@minedu.govt.nz

And remember, we are here to support you; please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns as we are always happy to hear from you.

Ma te wa
Coralanne Child

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OTAGO, SOUTHLAND | Julie Anderson

Kia ora koutou and warm Pasifika greetings

February has gone, so I hope you have had a positive start to the year and the children are well settled. This is a short term! It is pleasing to see the recent publicity around the work that schools and children do to keep their communities safe on the roads. The responsibility and leadership that children develop as they undertake road patrol duties' helps build self-esteem and good citizens. Well done to all the teachers and principals that every day supports their students to make our roads safer for everyone.

Safety zones at Tainui School

Tainui School has launched a "Safe to Meet Spots" project in conjunction with the Dunedin City Council road safety contractor Kirsty Barr. Tainui's programme encourages parents to drop their older children off at designated "safe spots" close to the school but away from the main gates. This helps avoid the front of school congestion and also allows the children the freedom to come some of the way to school safely without parental supervision. Parents drop the children off in the safe zones, from where children can still walk, scooter or bike to school safely.

Pasifika Power Up homework group

On 12 February the local Pasifika community celebrated the opening of the Pasifika Power Up homework programme. This was a wonderful ceremony with representation from Pasifika community leaders, the Mayor, the University Pasifika Centre and College of Education, and the Ministry of Education. **The home work group is run at the EFKS Church at 41 Macandrew Road on Thursday nights from 5.30pm - 8pm.**

This is open to all Pasifika families from any school or church group in the city and caters to all age levels including early childhood, primary and secondary students, as well as a parent's group. Every group has a qualified teacher to support the home work programme and there are education sessions for parents to help with understanding NCEA and how to support their children's learning.

The next session is on **Thursday 5 March**. Light Refreshments are available.
Contact Details for Power UP, Dunedin:

Champion: Rev Posala Tioa Fogavai, 03 456 1030, posala_tioa@hotmail.com

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Please contact me if you wish to discuss any issues or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi mahana

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