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 - See Education Gazette article: [How the CLA supported Glen Eden Primary School](#).
 - Register for [Making the best use of your student data](#) workshops in term 2.

For advice on integrating digital technologies with learning, contact the [Connected Learning Advisory](#) — [Te Ara Whītiki](#) by phone 0800 700 400 or through the online form.
2. **NZ Transport Agency Game Design Competition 2016**
For Year 7-13 students - 2 categories: Game Design Document (DD) and Playable Game + DD. Game can be computer, board, trading card, simulation/drama or physical activity. It's all about road safety and there are prizes and guides for [students](#) and [teachers](#) - **closes 1 July**.
3. **Enabling e-learning term 2 events:**
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Critical need to know and action

New Advisory Group for review of education funding systems

On 12 May, the Minister of Education announced the establishment of an Advisory Group as part of the review of education funding systems for early childhood education and schooling.

The group will work with us to test and refine a set of proposed directions for change, which explore ways to shift the current funding systems for 0-18 year olds to better support them all to receive the best possible education, especially those at greatest risk of educational under-achievement.

We'll also be talking to and seeking input from the wider education sector, from June until 31 August 2016, on the proposed directions for change.

We will publish more information about the review on our website. Your local Director of Education will be in touch in the coming weeks to talk more about opportunities for you to be involved.

For more information

- [Read Minister Parata's media release](#)
- Visit the Ministry's website to read more about the [Advisory Group](#)

If you have any questions about the Advisory Group, email funding.review@education.govt.nz

Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement

[Industrial relations circular](#) on the recent settlement of the **Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement**. It has information for boards and principals about the improved terms and conditions for teachers and advice concerning Individual Employment Agreements. It also includes provisions to reflect Communities of Learning (CoL) and the terms and conditions associated with CoL roles.

Secondary Principals' Collective Agreement

[Industrial relations circular](#) on the recent settlement of the **Secondary Principals' Collective Agreement**. It has information for boards about the improved terms and conditions for principals and advice concerning Individual Employment Agreements.



School financial annual reports

All state and state-integrated schools are required to have their audited financial annual report logged with their local Ministry office by **Tuesday 31 May**. [View the Annual Reporting Circular 2015/09](#)

If you are missing any reports for your Novopay reconciliation these are available on Novopay Online or can be requested by emailing novopay.enquiries@education.govt.nz

Please **email a single PDF file** to your local annual reporting mailbox below:

- Tai Tokerau: annualreports.whangarei@education.govt.nz
- Auckland: annualreports.auckland@education.govt.nz
- Waikato: annualreports.hamilton@education.govt.nz
- Bay of Plenty, Waiariki: annualreports.rotorua@education.govt.nz
- Taranaki, Manawatu, Whanganui: annualreports.whanganui@education.govt.nz
- Hastings, Tairāwhiti: annualreports.napier@education.govt.nz
- Wellington: annualreports.lowerhutt@education.govt.nz
- Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast: annualreports.nelson@education.govt.nz
- Canterbury: annualreports.christchurch@education.govt.nz
- Otago Southland:
annualreports.dunedin@education.govt.nz or
annualreports.invercargill@education.govt.nz

If you have any questions or queries regarding your financial annual report, please contact your local financial advisor:

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It's time to vote in the School Trustee Triennial Elections

Preparations for the 2016 triennial elections have been underway for some time and all the hard work by boards and returning officers will soon pay off.

Nominations have now closed and voting papers will be sent to all eligible voters. Voting closes at noon on Election Day. This year, 3 June is the common election date used by over 75 per cent of schools.

This next phase of the elections is very important, encouraging people to remember to vote.

Please be aware of postal service delivery timeframes in your region, as there may be a reduced service from your post provider. Remember to consider any impact this will have on posted voting forms and the date they need to be in the hands of the returning officer.

National advertising encouraging the community to vote will commence on 26 May. There will be advertisements on TV1, TV2 and Māori Television, along with digital and social advertising.

More information

Support is available for boards and returning officers at www.trustee-election.co.nz
They can also call 0800 Election (0800 353 284) or email electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz

Te Runanga Nui o nga Kura Kaupapa Māori (TRN) also provide support to kura affiliated to the Runanga. For further information contact them at: www.runanga.co.nz or call 0800 RUNANGA.

Heads up

Measles information from Ministry of Health

A child attending school while they are infectious with measles is very likely to spread the disease to other students and teachers who are not immune. In an outbreak, the Medical Officer of Health can order that unimmunised children must stay home from school until they are no longer at risk of either catching the disease or passing it on to others.

Primary schools (and early childhood centres) should maintain an Immunisation Register to help identify children at risk during an outbreak. [Read more on the Immunisation Register on the Health Ed website](#)

Secondary schools should encourage teachers and students to check their immunisation records and get vaccinated if they are not already. Taking action before a measles outbreak can minimise the impact if a student or staff member becomes ill.

Symptoms of measles can include fever, runny nose, and sore watery red eyes that last for several days before a red blotchy rash appears. Anyone with these symptoms should call ahead before visiting their family doctor, after hours' clinic or emergency department so steps can be taken to reduce the risk of infecting others in the waiting room.

The Ministry of Health's Deputy Director of Public Health, Dr Shirley Crawshaw says:

- The current measles outbreak is a good reminder for people to check they are fully vaccinated.
- Measles is highly infectious and can have serious consequences. Around 30 percent of people with measles will develop complications. About 1 in 10 people will require hospital treatment.
- Immunisation is the single most effective measure you can take to protect you and your family from this highly infectious and serious disease. You need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine to be fully protected.
- You can find out if you or family members are up to date with your immunisations by checking your child's Well Child Tamariki Ora or Plunket books, or asking at your General Practice.
- New Zealanders born from 1 January 1969 are eligible for free MMR vaccinations. Those born before the measles vaccine became available in 1969 are considered at lower risk because they were probably exposed to measles as a child.

Further information is available through 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or Healthline (0800 611 116) on the [Ministry of Health website](#)

Information about catching up on immunisations is also available on the [Ministry of Health website](#)

PLD

Read the latest information on [changes to the way schools access professional learning and development](#)

June Roll Return

Count date is **1 June**, due date **10 June** – the June Roll Return is for state and state-integrated schools with **students in years' 9 and above**.

This year we've improved the School Roll Return process, making it easier and faster for schools to complete. The changes are summarised below and more detail can be found on [Education Counts](#).

- Completing audit class lists are optional
- We're moving to only electronic data supply of roll returns, eliminating paper-based roll return forms.
- We'll be letting you know by email that we've received your electronic roll return
- We'll be getting back to you sooner with any questions we have with your submission.

For most schools, the only difference you'll notice is you don't need to send the paper-based return.

For some schools using some SMS, there will be a small change – the principal will need to approve the return on screen before it can be sent.

For schools not using an SMS, you will need to complete a roll return spreadsheet and submit that using the Ministry's secure online portal.

Rheumatic fever: sore throats need to be checked in high-risk North Island areas

An untreated strep sore throat can lead to a serious but preventable illness - [rheumatic fever](#). People with the highest risk of getting rheumatic fever are mainly Māori and Pacific children aged 4-19 years who live in Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, East Coast/Gisborne, Rotorua/Taupo/Turangi, Hawke's Bay, Hutt Valley or Porirua.

If these children or young people have a sore throat, it should be checked by a doctor or nurse as soon as possible. There are free [sore throat clinic services](#) in North Island areas with a high incidence of rheumatic fever. Some schools also have a free sore throat checking programme

Implementing a Child Protection Policy

We have contracted Child Matters to run child protection policy workshops for education leaders and teachers.

In June, there will be 15 workshops run throughout the country. Dates, times and locations will be available on the [Child Matters' website](#) this week.

These workshops will:

- support you to implement your child protection policy as required by the Vulnerable Children Act 2014.
- explain the importance of effective child protection policies, procedures, and safety checking for your school or kura.
- support you and your staff to recognise vulnerability, know what to do if you suspect child abuse or neglect and understand how your child protection policy can support you.

We will provide further opportunities for Vulnerable Children Act support later in the year.

Safe sport for children

Sport NZs [Safe sport for children](#) can help you build your own child protection policy and keep participating children safe.

Special Education Update – recent progress and next steps

We all agree that children with additional learning needs should get the right support when they need it - we all want every child to succeed. The Update is looking at the whole education system and not just the Ministry's own special education responsibilities with this aim in mind.

We have been working with many people since January on the high level design of a more fully inclusive education system, including a new model for the Ministry's own special education support.

You can read a [summary of Special Education Update progress since January and our next steps](#).

If you have any questions about the Special Education Update please email special.education@education.govt.nz or phone us on 0800 622 222.

Student Information Sharing Initiative

Reminder: The **Student Information Sharing Initiative** has published a [draft report](#) detailing its work to date and potential options going forward. Feedback is due **31 May**.

School terms and holidays consultation

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the principles underpinning the current model for setting terms and holidays for state and state-integrated schools. Your feedback was valuable and informed us that the current model remains fit for purpose.

The terms and holidays for state and state-integrated schools for 2018-2020 have been confirmed on the [School terms and holidays webpage](#)

NZ Council for Educational Research

The New Zealand Council for Educational Research has released [findings from the 2015 national survey of secondary schools](#)

2017 Study Awards and sabbatical applications

A reminder [2017 Study Awards and sabbatical applications for secondary and area schools close 7 June](#).

Bullying-free website and awards

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Grass Roots Ideas Initiative

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Samoan Language Week

Theme: ‘E felelei manu, ae ma’au i o latou ofaga’ (Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive)

This year’s theme is about valuing identity, diversity, and the need to establish environments where students can thrive. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the quality of the learning services you provide for your students.

During Samoan language week, engage with parents and local communities so they can become more involved with your school, and connect with other teachers to learn more about celebrating Samoan students and their culture every day.

For more information visit the [Ministry for Pacific Peoples website](#) and download a [new Samoan language week resource](#)

Resources for bi-lingual students are available on the [Down the Back of the Chair website](#) under English medium Education Yr1-13>Teaching and Learning> Pasifika> Tupu> gagana Samoa

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)

NZSL resources and activities are available on [our website](#).

NZSL awards

This year St Theresa’s Catholic School (Plimmerton) won the NZSL in Schools’ Award for fostering an NZSL-friendly learning environment. The full list of award winners will be posted on [Deaf Aotearoa’s website](#) soon.

NZSL week

Last week, we celebrated the 10th year since New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) became an official language. We supported Deaf Aotearoa’s provision of over 609 NZSL Week taster classes - up from 443 classes last year. The Executive Board of the World Federation of the Deaf met in New Zealand to support the events and was impressed by the leadership shown and by Government’s engagement with the Deaf community.

This doesn't mean our work is complete. There is a lot to do and we're committed to ensuring deaf children, young adults and their families and whānau have the best education opportunities. This [short 'teaser' video](#) sets the challenge for the next phase of our NZSL work programme and this [seven minute video](#) summarises the progress on NZSL made by us and our partners since 2013.

Winter reminders

With winter coming keep your school community safe from [flu \(influenza\)](#) and check out NZ Mountain Safety Council's [safety tips](#), [outdoor guide](#) and [safety videos](#).

Appraisal of Principals PLD programme

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Tai Tokerau | Hira Gage



No news this issue.

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Auckland | Isabel Evans



Talofa lava

Samoan Language Week

Aotearoa celebrates our Pacific origins and identity in many different ways. The Auckland Pasifika team has been working in collaboration with other agencies and providers to support Pasifika language weeks for 2016.

Our first language celebration will be Samoan Language Week starting on Sunday 29 May to Saturday 4 June. This will be the 11th year Samoan Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa.

This year's theme is: '**E felelei manu ae ma'au i o latou ofaga**' - Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive.

The theme uses a Samoan proverb to symbolise the migration journey of Samoans to Aotearoa

and the need for environments to support the value and growth of language, identity and culture. This is increasingly important in Auckland where 160 known languages are spoken. Samoan is the second most spoken language (after English) in Auckland and third (to English and te reo Māori) nationwide (2013 NZ Census).

Schools often use language weeks to plan and support family and local community engagement. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the different Pacific cultures in your school. You can access resources to support your planning and engagement for Samoan Language Week on the [Ministry of Pacific Peoples website](#)

A special service to mark the beginning of Samoan Language Week and commemorate the 11th year of celebrations will be held at Malaeola Community Centre on Sunday 29 May at 10am, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere, Auckland. An invitation is extended to all principals, teachers and friends in the Auckland area to join the celebrations and capture the essence of Samoan Language Week 2016. Afio mai ma tala a'ao mai.

RSVP to: michael.savelio@mpp.govt.nz

Fa'afetai lava, ma ia manuia le vaiaso o gagana SAMOA

Air New Zealand office furniture community recycling project

Air New Zealand is making a range of office furniture available to Auckland schools, not-for-profit community groups and organisations.

The furniture includes work desks and screens, storage units, cabinets, cubes and small round meeting tables. The furniture is in good condition and is available *as is where is*. Please note the desks have had their legs and screens removed for transport and storage and will require re-assembly.

The furniture will be available in Auckland from Wednesday 25 May and collection and transport is the responsibility of recipients. Please contact Din Mercado at our Auckland office on 09 632 9339 to register your interest or if you have any questions.

Rectangle desks	Sliding Storage unit	3 drawer Cabinet	Desk Screens	Storage cubes	Round Tables	Available from:
230	290	175	180	180	12	25 May
30	40	30	-	55	3	1 June

Approximate amount of furniture available



Rectangle Desk (with screen)
1800 (w) 842 (d) 728 (h)



Sliding Storage Unit
896 (w)
445 (d)
885 (h)



3 Drawer Cabinet and Stool
395 (w)
550 (d)
590 (h)



Storage cubes (connect to sliding storage unit)
445 (w) 445 (d) 398 (h)



Desk Screens 1700 (w) 500 (d) 960 (h)

Feel free to call me on 09 632 9333 or email me at isabel.evans@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi
Isabel

Waikato | Paula Rawiri



Kia ora

Prime Ministers Educational Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Hinuera School Learning Community for being selected as a finalist in the Excellence in Leading - Atakura Award. This primary school was challenged by their board to improve their students' writing to match or exceed the National Standards.

School leaders worked closely with the board, teachers, students and local community to turn things around. Clear targets were set, a school wide writing plan was developed and resources were allocated, including professional development. The board asked for regular updates on progress to monitor student achievement. The result has been a lift in students' writing skills that are now above the national average. Great stuff!

We wish you all the best as you head to Auckland with the [other finalists](#) on June 13 to represent your school community and the greater Waikato.

Waikato students top of the bunch in te reo Māori and NZ Scholarship stakes (Stuff.co.nz)

Waikato students made a clean sweep in te reo exams, taking out the highest scores in the country for both Te Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira.

Congratulations to both of these students and all of the students at the following schools for their outstanding achievements - Ngā Taiatea Wharekura, Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga, Hamilton Boys High School, St Paul's Collegiate School and St Peter's School Cambridge.

Read the full article on the [Stuff website](#)

Bullying-free NZ Week

May 16-20 marked the very first Bullying-free NZ Week focused on preventing bullying in Aotearoa. We know that bullying harms our young people and contributes to a range of poor educational and life outcomes. It is a serious issue that all schools and kura face. To successfully address bullying, boards of trustees, school leaders, school staff, students and their families and whānau all need to work together.

Peter Hughes is the chair of the Bullying Prevention Advisory Group and collectively we are very committed to ensuring the Ministry supports you. [A new website](#) provides a range of online tools and resources to support bullying prevention efforts. If you have not yet had a chance to look at it, I recommend you do and I encourage you to share it with your students, families and whānau.

Inspiring teacher

It was great to see the [celebration of a teacher from Maeroa Intermediate](#) on Seven Sharp recently. Well done to Melanie Wihongi Popham for her educational leadership in the classroom. If you have any inspiring stories that you would like to share, please let me know. The teaching profession is a grand profession to be part of and it's important to acknowledge the successes we have.

New Zealand Sign Language Week

Last week across Aotearoa, we saw thousands of people coming out to celebrate and support the Deaf community. Schools and kura were no exception and many people shared with me what they were doing to promote children and young people learning sign language. This is a significant year as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of New Zealand Sign Language as an official language of New Zealand.

The week ended with the New Zealand Sign Language Awards hosted in Wellington. I am pleased to acknowledge each of the nominees for the awards. We had the following winners from the Waikato:

- Yoshie Akasaka (University of Waikato Campus Creche) - NZSL in Early Childhood Education Award.
- Joanna Klaver - Māori Champion Award - actively promoting and sharing the growth of the Māori Deaf Community. Joanna was also part of a Hamilton group, Equal Voices, who performed at the awards.
- Scott Williams - NZSL Interpreter of the Year (passed away December 2015)

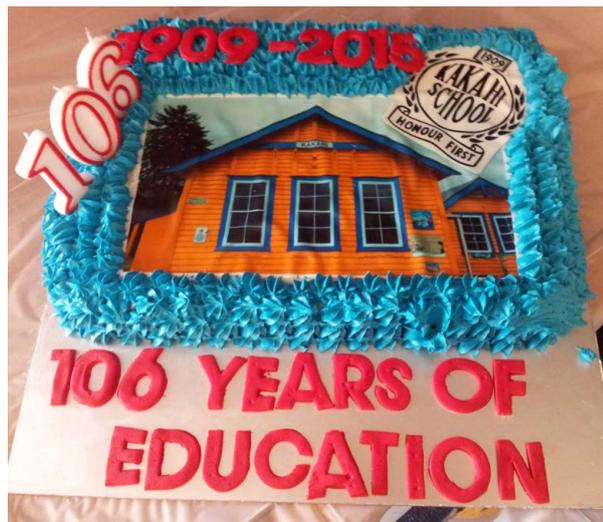


In the Ministry we had Steve Hooker, Advisor On Deaf Children (AODC) from Christchurch who sadly passed away recently, receive the Champion Award in recognition of his “passion for NZSL as well as his outstanding commitment to its successful protection, promotion and preservation.”

Kakahi School closing ceremony

After providing primary education for 106 years, the Kakahi community marked the closing of the school with a moving ceremony on Saturday 14 May.

Past pupils and staff spoke fondly of their enduring memories of the school, from whānau events, escaping “the strap” and the students’ choice in painting the school a vibrant orange after viewing *The Garfield Movie*. The cake was cut by Monica Matamua (nee Ham) one of the oldest past pupils of the school.



Kaumatua Alan Taumata led a karakia with Board Chair Sharon Ham before the flag was lowered for the last time by Kawa Ngahoro.

The eight students who attended Kakahi last year are well-supported and making progress in their new schools, Manunui School and Taumarunui Primary School. Thank you to the board of trustees, principal, staff and students for all the work you have done over the years to support education in the Kakahi community.

Noho ora mai
Paula

Bay of Plenty - Wairiki | Ezra Schuster



Good morning and autumn has certainly arrived! As always, take the time to read the important information in this Bulletin as well as my regional updates below.

Announcement on education funding systems

Last week our Minister announced the appointment of an Advisory Group to work with us to test possible changes to the education funding systems for 0-18 years. More detail on the Advisory Group is available on [our website](#)

Your engagement as school leaders in the review is critical and we will be facilitating national and local engagements with the education sector from the middle of next month until the end of August. As your Director, I'll be leading the engagement with you and other sector groups for Bay of Plenty-Wairiki and will let you know the dates, times and venues in the next Bulletin if not before.

It's important to remember no final decisions have been made. We'll be talking with you, other leaders and groups in the sector, and will continue to do so throughout the engagement phase of the review.

Young Entrepreneurs Award

We're looking for Rotorua's next generation of business innovators! We have partnered with the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the inaugural Young Entrepreneurs Award at the upcoming Westpac Rotorua Business Awards in October 2016. This inaugural award is open to Rotorua senior secondary students (years 11 to 13) who display business entrepreneurial skills and who are either working on their own business ventures or excelling in business studies or equivalent programmes at school.

This is an exciting opportunity to support the next generation of business innovators and our Rotorua schools. More information (including criteria) will be available in the next Bulletin.

Kawera on the national stage!

A couple of weeks ago, the TVNZ programme Sunday featured Helen and the great work she's doing at Tarawera High School to raise not only student achievement in Kawerau but community spirit. Something we should all be proud of. Well done Helen! [Watch the video here](#)

Communities of Learning (CoL)

We continue to get strong interest across the region about CoL not only from schools and kura but increasingly from early learning centres, iwi, hapu and more recently tertiary providers. If you are interested in joining or establishing a CoL or want to talk to another school or principal about their experience in a CoL, contact Merle Ramsay our lead education advisor at merle.ramsay@education.govt.nz

Staff profile

It's my pleasure to introduce the latest addition to the Ministry and regional leadership team, Carol Ngawati, as one of our education managers for the Tauranga, Moana and Whakatane areas. Carol started last Monday and is based in our Tauranga office. She will work alongside Graham Parker who will transition the work he has been involved in, to her. Graham hasn't left us and remains as part of my leadership team leading the integration of our teams and Communities of Learning. Carol will be attending several sector meetings in the next few weeks and I know you will enjoy working with her. Her email is carol.ngawati@education.govt.nz

**Carol Ngawati (Ngati Porou)**

Ko Hikurangi te maunga
Ko Waiapu te awa,
Ko Ngati Porou te iwi,
Ko Whanau-a-Ruataupare, Ngati Ira, Aitanga-a-Hauiti nga hapu.

I was born in Auckland, but my parents returned to the East Coast when I was a baby. My parents moved to the Bay of Plenty when I started school, then to Tirau, where I attended Matamata College. I have had a varied and interesting educational career. My teaching journey began in Turangi, at Hirangi Primary, whilst my husband Gerard worked on the Rangipo Underground PowerStation - a wonderful community to be a part of.

I returned to West Auckland and have had various teaching roles in primary, a special needs unit, and being part of the Ranui community that established a bilingual unit. I moved into special education in West Auckland as an RTLB Māori, working across Kura Kaupapa Māori and mainstream schools – primary and secondary schools. This included being part of the Te Kotahitanga Research project and I taught special education for RTLB training at the University of Auckland.

In the last six years I've had the opportunity to work in the tertiary sector at Unitec in Auckland. This involved being the Director, Maia Maori Centre and a short secondment with the Ministry as a senior advisor with the Achievement, Retention and Transition (ART) team.

I am committed to educational excellence – all tamariki/rangatahi deserve the best education we can provide. I believe that anything is achievable and I look forward to supporting the aspirations of local communities, hapu and iwi in the rohe of Mataatua/Te Arawa and Tainui waka. I am especially blessed with three daughters and mokopuna, who are heavily involved in all manner of sport, kapahaka and especially enjoy being together as a whānau.

Introducing Olena Smyth

Finally, a great story about a young leader Olena Smyth. Olena was selected as a year 13 Prefect for 2016 at Rotorua Lakes High School. Olena credits her mum who inspired and motivated her, as she was also a prefect when she attended Western Heights High School.

Bruce Walker the principal said, “All year 13 students have the opportunity to be selected and it is based on the number of votes by teachers and students alike. It is a great achievement for Olena to have attained this position.”

At 16 years Olena has achieved fantastic results with her NCEA Level 1: achieved with Merit (only short four credits of an excellence). In NCEA Level 2 she achieved with Excellence in English, Māori, History, Media Studies and Classical Studies.

Olena hopes to inspire other students around the school who also might have a disability. She has a proposal written up to put to the boards about starting a support group for students that have different needs. When asking Olena about what barriers she has experienced she says, “I experienced the same obstacles with social shyness as any other teenager but once I came to grips with my disability, I just managed to get on with life”.



What an inspirational young woman and I look forward to hearing more about Olena in the future.

If there is anything you wish to discuss from this update or the Bulletin, contact me on 027 296 8196 or send me an email: ezra.schuster@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi and la mānuia
Ezra Schuster

Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu | Jann Marshall



Kia ora koutou

As we begin term 2, we are already hearing positive stories from many schools as they focus on student achievement and engage with their ongoing teacher enquiry. Most enquiries focus on those students targeted in the annual section of charters. Schools are considering the following: What progress have these identified students made in the last term? How do we know? Who needs to know about it? Do plans need to be reviewed if accelerated progress is not happening as planned? What could be done differently to ensure planned progress is realised in the next six months? Education advisors are available if you would like support with this work.

Review of education funding systems

The Minister has recently announced the establishment of an Advisory Group as part of the next step for review of education funding systems. We will be holding consultation workshops across our area in June. I will advise you of these dates shortly.

New Pasifika service to be built on Tawhero School site

We attended a special dawn ceremony to bless the site for our second Pasifika Learning centre in Whanganui. Kaumatua John Maihi presided over the blessing that has paved the way for construction of the new service to begin on the Tawhero site. The new Pasifika service will focus on engaging children not currently enrolled in early childhood education.

At the blessing, the principal of Tawhero School said he was delighted the new centre was opening on the school site as it would further enhance the school's relationships with the Pasifika and wider community to ensure the children have a seamless transition into school.

Appraisal workshops

Evaluation Associates is offering an [appraisal workshop](#) for all school leaders in primary and secondary schools with responsibility for teacher appraisal. The workshop provides leaders with the opportunity to reflect on their own school's appraisal process and understand what the recent changes to requirements mean for school practice.

Significant decision on reporting requirements

A recent decision by the Education Council's Disciplinary Tribunal shows how critical it is for boards of trustees and principals to report concerns about teachers to the Council. It's also a timely reminder on the legal requirement to report certain matters to the [New Zealand Education Council](#) where there are concerns relating to your teaching staff.

NZSTA has a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the Council on working together on a variety of matters which include supporting boards on the [employer's obligations to report to the Council](#).

“Making the best use of your student data” workshops in Whanganui, Palmerston North and Taranaki

This workshop, run by the Ministry's Connected Learning Advisory, is designed for school leaders, teachers and administrative staff who have responsibility for the use of Student Management Systems and data analysis for strategic, curriculum and pastoral care planning. [Register on the Core Education website](#).

I am always interested in news you may want to share so please don't hesitate to contact me 06 349 6352 or email jann.marshall@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi
Jann

Hawke's Bay - Tairāwhiti | Marilyn Scott

No news this issue.

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Wellington | Suze Strowger

Greetings everyone

I hope that the first few weeks of term 2 have started well for you.

I'd like to start by acknowledging four good news stories from our region:

1. Mana College on Seven Sharp

Seven Sharp's recent story on Mana College was positive and exciting. Principal John Murdoch's passion for education and his passion for Mana College to realise its tremendous potential was truly inspiring. Go John! And go Mana College! We are all backing you to win. [If you didn't catch the story, it's well worth a look](#)

2. Confucius classroom opens

Wellington East Girls' College opened its Confucius classroom on 10 May. The opening ceremony featured a performance of a lion dance by year 10 girls, the cutting of the ribbon by a Chinese Embassy official, and the opportunity to see the students doing activities from tea making to calligraphy in the classroom. The classroom will support the curriculum for girls from Year 9-13 who are learning Chinese. Congratulations to Sally Haughton, principal, and her team for such an enjoyable celebration of learning.

3. Top scholars from Wellington

Let's congratulate the students from Wellington and their schools that were Top Subject Award winner recipients for 2015:

- James Hartshorn from Wellington College in Physical Education
- Jingyan (Celeste) Pan from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in German
- William Lopez-Sanchez from Paraparaumu College in Spanish

And James was one of nine Premier Scholarship Award winners. Congratulations to all involved; this is an outstanding result for our region.

4. Horowhenua College wins at Regional Shakespeare Festival

Event host Horowhenua College has won first place at the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ - University of Otago Regional Shakespeare Festival, receiving the Sheilah Winn Cup for their performance of *Much Ado About Nothing*. They were also awarded the Horowhenua District Council cup, introduced this year to recognise outstanding younger performers.

Horowhenua College has participated in the Regional Shakespeare Festival since 2010 and competed against groups from Kapiti College, Otaki College, Waiopahu College and Paraparaumu College.

“Team Shakespeare 2016” will be holding a short performance of all scenes from the Horowhenua College group in mid-May to raise funds for Nationals, which will be held in Wellington during Queen’s Birthday weekend. Two students from Kapiti College, who won the student-directed section, will join Horowhenua College students at Nationals.

Heads up: Funding Review Consultation

Last Thursday, the Minister of Education announced the appointment of an Advisory Group to consider possible changes to the education funding systems. The group will work with the Ministry to test a set of proposed directions for change over the coming months.

More information about the group, including a link to the Minister’s press release is available on the [Ministry’s website](#)

Alongside the Advisory Group, we want to talk with, and seek your input on the proposed directions for change. We’ll be in touch with you shortly to offer local workshops for you to get involved and provide feedback on the proposals. Engagement will start in July and run until 31 August.

Remember you can contact me anytime on suze.strowger@education.govt.nz or 027 229 4009.

All the best.
Suze

Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast | Erika Ross



Kia ora and Greetings

I take much pleasure in welcoming a number of new leaders into our region. We look forward to working with you all. Your senior advisors will have already contacted you and will be there to support you in the future.

New leaders

- Bob Norrish is the acting principal at Murchison Area
- Tony Draijer is the acting principal at Ngātimoti

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- Barbara Richmond is the acting principal at Rai Valley
- Michelle Green is the principal at Haast
- Ingrid Warner is the acting tumuaki at Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi

We also wish Liz Hawker and Megan McLellan well in their new endeavours and thank them both for their services and contributions to their respective school communities.

Ministerial Cross-Sector Forum on Raising Achievement

Our first forum for the year was held on 13 May. It was very successful and the areas covered included:

- An update of our regional challenges and opportunities.
- Feedback from the Minister's National Cross-Sector Forum.
- An update from Lisa Rogers, deputy secretary about PLD and the Workforce Strategy.
- Investing in Educational Success – several of our Communities of Learning (CoL) shared their journey to becoming a CoL.
- Special Education Update - Murray Roberts, regional manager special education shared where this process has got to.



Thank you to those who presented and engaged in the discussions. It was a valuable session, sharing information and advice from a diversity of views. I particularly enjoyed hearing about each of the CoL journeys to date.



Communities of Learning update

The Minister of Education recently announced a further 21 CoL have been approved, taking the total number nationally to 117. I am pleased this announcement included the Motueka CoL. The Minister also approved Nelson Central School and Lake Rotoiti School joining the Nelson City CoL, and John Paul II High School joining the Māwhera CoL.

In the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast region one hundred schools are now part of a CoL,

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representing 80 per cent of schools in our region.

PB4L School-Wide expo

Congratulations to our schools featured in the [Education Gazette article](#) about this exciting expo held in Nelson last term. It is fantastic to see schools sharing their great practice locally and nationally.

New ERO Deputy Chief Review Officer for Southern announced

On 10 June, Dr Lesley Patterson will take over the role of EROs Deputy Chief Review Officer Southern, from Chris Rowe who is retiring. Lesley is an academic and educator and is familiar with contemporary evaluation, theory and practice. Lesley brings to ERO excellent strategic leadership skills and a strong commitment to achieving equity and excellence. You can contact Lesley by email lesley.patterson@ero.govt.nz

Provisionally Certified Teacher (PCT) and mentor newsletter

Here is the link to the [PCT and mentor newsletter](#) that may be useful to you.

I hope the term is progressing well. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have issues you need help with. We look forward to working with you all again this term.

Kind regards
Erika Ross

Canterbury | Coralanne Child



Kia ora

It is incredible how quickly the term is going. With so many fantastic events filling our calendars already, I encourage you to check the updates and information in this bulletin as well as our regional updates. The bulletin provides key Ministry-wide information for you in one place. We use it to keep you informed and up to date with what is going on.

I had the opportunity to attend the Delving Deeper Conference at the beginning of this term. Dr Julia Atkin gave a wonderful key note address. The 35 workshops were facilitated by teachers for teachers with many teachers co-presenting with students where there was sharing of great teaching practice. Thank you to all those including our principal associations who worked together to deliver this.

It was great for us to be at Stage Challenge and watch our talented young people take the stage over two nights. It was as it said it would be - a dance, drama and design spectacular. Well done to all those involved.

Earlier this month Education Minister Hekia Parata approved new Communities of Learning. Currently there are 15 Communities of Learning in Canterbury, benefitting 134 Schools and

38,407 students. Thank you to the schools, kura and early childhood education services that have come together to share expertise in teaching and learning and to support each other. By working together, we can make a child's journey through the education system easier.

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2016 New Zealand Sign Language Champion Award

At the New Zealand Sign Language Awards held recently our late colleague, Steve Hooker, was awarded the Champion Award for 2016. This award recognises passion for NZSL as well as outstanding commitment to its successful protection, promotion and preservation.

This is a fitting recognition of Steve's total commitment to NZSL over the years.

Christchurch School Rebuild (CSR) Programme Progress Update

All projects planned for the Ministry's Christchurch School Rebuild Programme have been scheduled across the 10-year timeframe. The 10-year programme is in its third year and an overview of the progress to date is below:

- 58 schools are currently in the programme
- 50 schools are still to enter the programme
- 7 new schools have been completed
Pegasus Bay School, Halswell School, Waitākiri, Marshland, West Rolleston, Rāwhiti and Lyttelton Primary School
- 10 schools are currently under construction
- 21 schools are in various stages of design
- 9 schools are at the master planning stage

Teachers' Refresher Course

Everybody In: supporting the learning, participation and success of children and young people with disabilities in education

26 - 28 September, University of Canterbury Dovedale Campus, Christchurch

This course, run in partnership with the University of Canterbury, is for all teachers and leaders working in early childhood, primary and secondary settings with a desire to recognise and support all children and young people to be the learners they are and can be.

Tungia te ururua kia tupu whakaritorito te tupu o te harakeke
'Set the overgrown bush alight and the new flax shoots will spring up'.

Inclusive education requires us to transform how we think and what we do in response to difference and diversity in education and society.

This course will provide a safe, respectful and collaborative space for professional development and learning. Participants will be challenged and supported to extend their own knowledge, networks and understanding of how they can enable 'Everybody In', in their classroom, school and early childhood education setting.

- For full programme details, [view here](#).
- For course information, costs and accommodation details please [click here](#)
- [Register here](#)
- For more information you can also call 0800 872 211 or email info@trcc.org.nz

Advisory Group - Education Funding Systems

Recently the Minister of Education announced the establishment of an Advisory Group as part of the next step in the review of education funding systems. The group will work with us to test and refine a set of proposed directions for change. The directions focus on how the funding system could be shifted so that all children and young people, especially those who are at greatest risk of educational underachievement, get the best possible education.

We'll also be talking to, and seeking input from the wider education sector on these proposed directions for change. The engagement will run from June until 31 August 2016.

Further information and membership of the Advisory Group can be found [here](#)

We will publish more information about the review shortly and it's our intention to host sessions in South Canterbury, mid Canterbury, Christchurch and North Canterbury. Please do let us know if you have some suggestions about how this would work well for you.

If there is anything you wish to discuss don't forget you can contact me directly anytime.

Mā te wā
Coralanne Child

Otago, Southland | Julie Anderson



Kia ora koutou and warm Pasifika greetings

On 4 May we held our Regional Cross-Sector Forum, with a focus on engaging students in science as part of the Minister's 21st century teaching and learning priority. The keynote speaker was Dr Ian Griffin, Director of the Otago Museum and winner of the 2015 Prime Minister's Science Communication Prize.

Ian is passionate about the role of the museum in promoting science experiences and the wonder of astronomy. It would be worth connecting with

the Otago Museum, as they offer a number of programmes for all Otago and Southland schools including their outreach “Lab in Box” facility and “Science Roadshows” which have run in rural areas. They even have a pre-school session at the Planetarium including songs and actions to support learning about astronomy.

Now the Minister has announced the review of education funding systems, I will be contacting principals’ associations this week to find a time in June that suits you to come together to consider the proposals. I look forward to meeting with you.

Regional Cross-Sector Forum

It was wonderful to have strong early childhood education (ECE) and primary input into our Cross-Sector Forum. Gillian Melvin, senior teacher, South Otago Kindergarten Association spoke about science in the early years and Sharon Livingstone from Otatara Primary School, Invercargill shared her school’s inquiry approach to teaching and learning in science. This allowed us to see the connections and commonalities across the ECE to schooling pathway.

Gillian’s clear articulation of learning in the early years was greatly valued by the wider sector audience, as many had little direct or recent contact with early childhood education. Gillian focused on “natural curiosity” as the key to unlocking science in the early years. She explained how teachers set up the environment to engage children and then ask open-ended questions. For older children and toddlers she stressed the importance of feeding in language so they hear the language and develop the skills to make sense of the unknown. Her final quotes were *“Play is the highest form of research”* by Albert Einstein and from Benjamin Franklin *“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn”* which aptly summed up her philosophy on children’s learning in the early years.

At Otatara, Sharon’s teachers focus on the Nature of Science strand, integrating the other strands with this. Sharon outlined what materials and experiences they use as provocations to: challenge misconceptions, spark curiosity, create dis-equilibrium, ignite emotion and present new perspectives. She shared examples of the students “Big Books” that show their science inquiries at different levels of the school.

They have developed a staged science assessment matrix to communicate progress with the children and the parents. As part of her school’s ongoing self review processes, they undertook a curriculum review of science getting feedback from parents and students that told them about science learning at their school. One of her students comments summarised the feeling about science at Otatara School - “We are great scientists”.

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Syrian refugee resettlement

Thank you to Wakari, Green Island, Brockville, Carisbrooke, Bathgate Park and Queen's High School for your warm welcome and flexibility in managing the first group of Syrian children coming into our schools. Also to Hamish McDonald at Anderson's Bay for helping coordinate the bilingual worker in the interim period. Hassan Ibrahim and Pip Laufiso are working alongside schools to help organise the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) time and employ another community bilingual worker.

It was heartening to receive an update from Ben Sincock at Carisbrooke School explaining their induction work with his three Syrian families and that the children were settling well at school. He has a teacher who knows some limited Arabic and recently taught in the Middle East which has helped soften the transition.

A further group arrived at Mangere Resettlement Centre on 16 May and will be coming to Dunedin later in June.

Stage challenge

Congratulations to the ten Southland and Southern Otago schools that participated in the 2016 Stage Challenge and J Rock Event in Invercargill on 11 May at the Civic Theatre. The evening was a dance, drama and design spectacular that saw hundreds of young people take the stage. The talent and teamwork of students was impressive and the countless hours of rehearsals and work put in behind the scenes on costumes and sets were evident. Performances explored thought provoking themes such as the world refugee crisis, gender role stereotyping and combating discrimination based on gender identity. Verdon College secured the victory of the night with their performance *No Place like Home*, on the plight of Syrian refugees. I congratulate all schools on creating unique performances that contributed to a fantastic show.

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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Events

31 MAY-3 JUN 2016	Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference 2016, Auckland
5-6 JUL 2016	NZTech Advance Education Summit, Auckland
6-8 JUL 2016	NZEI Rural and teaching principals' conference, Tauranga
7-10 JUL 2016	28th Australian and NZ Conference for the Educators of the Deaf/12th Asia Pacific Congress on Deafness 2016, Christchurch
9-10 JUL 2016	Learning Disabilities Association of NZ Conference, Palmerston North
15-17 JUL 2016	NZSTA 27th Annual Conference, Wellington