Message from Iona Holsted

Kia ora koutou katoa

As we near the end of another year, I want to thank you all for the work you are doing every day to support the learning of our children and young people.

I recently mentioned that more than 43,000 New Zealanders, from all walks of life, have engaged with the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga so far – whether through the online surveys, the summits, hui, fono or other workshops for the range of reviews that are underway. This level of engagement is heartening, reflecting the high value and importance that New Zealanders place on our education system.

The findings from the engagement on NCEA and the draft strategic plan for early learning have recently been released, with the recommendations from the Independent Taskforce on Tomorrow’s Schools due to follow very soon.

I look forward to working with you through the next phases of the conversation, and then the big job of implementing any changes the Government decides upon.

Meanwhile, you can continue to find regular progress updates and opportunities to get involved on the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga website

Please enjoy a safe and well-deserved break with friends and whānau this holiday season.

Nāku noa, nā

Iona Holsted
Secretary for Education

Critical need to know and action

1. No critical need to know and action items this issue.
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General information

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   The Asia NZ Foundation is accepting applications from PE teachers who would like to travel to Japan to increase their knowledge and awareness of sporting culture in Japan. The Foundation will cover return airfares, travel insurance, accommodation, transport and meals. Read more…

2. **Ministry’s national office holiday closing dates**
   Our national office in Bowen Street, Wellington will close at the end of the business day on Friday 21 December and reopen Thursday 3 January 2019. Key contact details are on our website.

3. **Reduced Network for Learning helpdesk service from 24 December to 5 January 2019**
   If you experience an issue, call 0800 LEARNING and leave a message. The N4L team will be in touch on the next standard business day. Regular helpdesk hours resume from 8am on Monday, 7 January 2019.

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Heads up

2019 Operational Funding Entitlement and January Instalment notices

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Local curriculum guidance and support coming in early 2019

Throughout the year, we’ve heard that schools and kura want to focus on local curriculum - both design and review. We’re responding to this feedback by providing a package of support on local curriculum in early 2019 including workshops with teacher-release time, guidance and tools.

Visit the TKI website for more information on how you can apply and make the most of this opportunity. Please note workshop spaces are limited and expressions of interest must be emailed to progress.achievement@education.govt.nz by the end of this school year.

Achievement standards and support resources for the Digital Technologies & Hangarau Matihiko curriculum

On 6 December, we will publish achievement standards and support resources that teachers need to deliver the new DT&HM curriculum at NCEA Levels 2 and 3. We will also be adding to the supports for Level 1.

Read more information about the full package and the updated matrix

Information about the Hangarau Matihiko standards and supports will be available shortly.

ESOL funding rates will be streamlined from March 2019

All eligible primary and intermediate students regardless of status will receive $700 a year, and all eligible secondary students will receive $900 per year.

Schools can apply for additional support for students from refugee backgrounds, if they need this, through the Refugee Flexible Funding Pool.

We anticipate the simplified rates will enable you to more easily calculate how much money you will receive each funding round. The simplified rates mean that NZ born students will be funded at the same amount as non-NZ born students. Evidence from English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) verifiers, and senior advisors, is that schools do not provide different levels of
support for students linked to their status, rather than ESOL support responds to the needs of each student, and is not linked to different funding amounts.

Any queries can be emailed to Maree Jeurissen, Manager ESOL, Migrant, Refugee, and International Education maree.jeurissen@education.govt.nz

**Increased funding for Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako collaboration**

All schools in Kāhui Ako will receive approximately double the annual Communities of Learning maintenance grant for the next two years. These grants have been increased as a result of sector feedback asking for greater support to develop and maintain their collaboration.

The grant will continue to be paid through the operations grant. You will notice the additional funding in the January instalment.

**How could it be spent?**

Kāhui Ako can use the funding flexibly, to promote communications, collaboration and engagement as they think best.

For example each school in the Piritahi Community of Learning have been pooling their current $1000 network and maintenance allowance since 2015.

To pool the funding one school is designated as the account fund holder and invoices each of the other member schools at the start of the year for $1000. The Community of Learning then decides what the pooled funding will be used for to support the collaborative work.

Examples of what the funding has been used for include:

- Funding the release of up to 80 teachers across early learning services, primary and secondary schools in the Kāhui Ako to hold teacher workshops on moderation
- Subsidising the release for principals from some of the smaller and more remote schools to enable them to attend meetings
- Funding the release of staff on various working parties – for example the Community have established a working party on moving from measuring just achievement to measuring progress.

Next year the Community is looking at hosting a teacher only day for all teachers in every early learning service and school.

**Teacher-led Innovation Fund now open**

The Teacher-led Innovation Fund, which supports teams of teachers to collaboratively develop innovative practices that improve learning outcomes, is now open. Proposals for round 5 close 27 February 2019.
Voluntary Bonding Scheme

If your school/kura is eligible under the Voluntary Bonding Scheme, graduate teachers could receive payments of at least $10,500. Read more on the Teach NZ website.

2021 Term dates and holidays

The terms and holidays for state and state-integrated schools for 2021 have been confirmed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation about the dates preferred for 2021. Your feedback was valuable and showed a clear preference for a longer Term 1. This informed the recommendation to the Minister to set the dates above.

End of year property checklist

As the end of term approaches, please make sure:

• you have the contact details of the emergency response coordinators for your region in the event your school is damaged as the result of fire, flood or extreme weather.

• you move bins away from outside walls and remove materials that can be used to set fires. Visit the Fire and Emergency NZ website for more information on protecting your school and assets.

• if you have a pool, your board is aware of their health and safety responsibilities for everyone using it, including after school use by the wider community. Further information and resources are available on the Ministry’s website.

Curriculum progress tools support for schools and Kāhui Ako with students in Years 1 to 10

Next year schools can access support to implement the Learning Progression Frameworks (LPF) and Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT) through:

• directly facilitated PLD support. Apply by emailing PaCT.Feedback@education.govt.nz and our providers will contact you to schedule the support required.

• working with other support schools who are confident progress tools users to find out more about the LPF and PaCT. School interested in support should email PaCT.Feedback@education.govt.nz

• a newly developed progress tools website, which will be available in late February. It will
Final reminder: Child and Youth Wellbeing strategy feedback closes 5 December.

He taonga te tamaiti – the draft strategic plan for early learning

We would like to hear your thoughts on He taonga te tamaiti, the draft strategic plan for early learning.

The plan suggests supporting early learning services to develop closer connections to schools and kura. Setting aside space for early learning services alongside new primary school sites is proposed, along with supporting early learning services to collaborate with other education services. These are just a couple of the wide-ranging recommendations. You can view a full list of the recommendations on the Kōrero Māturanga website.

Consultation, which includes an online survey as well as a series of hui around the country, will close on 15 March 2019.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested.

Child and Youth Wellbeing strategy

Local Curriculum Toolkit and Rapua Te Ara Tika

From 10 December, schools and kura can access individual versions of the Designing Local Curriculum Toolkit and Rapua Te Ara Tika as well being part of their Kāhui Ako toolkit.

School, kura and networks can request access to their own curriculum toolkit by completing the form on the landing page of the Curriculum Tool website, available from 10 December.

Originally developed to support Communities of Learning l Kāhui Ako to refresh and develop local curricula with their communities, these tools work at many different levels and encourage collaboration both within and between kura or schools.

Student Voice bullying resource

Student Voice, from Bullying-Free NZ, sets out the importance of student voice in finding solutions to bullying and promoting good practice in student participation. For more bullying prevention tools and resources go to the Bullying-Free NZ website.
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School Microsoft licence renewal

School Microsoft licences are due for renewal in January 2019. Your Microsoft Online Service Managers (OSM) will receive an email with instructions on how to renew your licence. Schools have 30-60 days to complete this renewal, otherwise disruption of service could occur. This licence renewal can be completed in the Office 365 portal. Your school IT administrator should be informed of this pending renewal.

The new version of Microsoft 365 A3 includes most of the additional product features, which had to be loaded manually in the past. Details of these additional product features can be found on our website

Datacom can support your school or your IT Service Providers to renew your Microsoft licensing. Contact Datacom or call ICT Helpdesk 0800 225542.

New disability support system – Mana Whaikaha in MidCentral DHB area

As part of the Disability System Transformation, the Ministry of Health is leading a prototype in the MidCentral DHB area. Launched on 1 October, the new disability support system, Mana Whaikaha aims to provide disabled children and young people and their whānau with more options about the disability supports they receive, and more choice and control into decisions that affect them.

We are working in partnership with Mana Whaikaha to support local implementation and through this process, a number of key initiatives for education will be identified and tested.

Proposals for priority initiatives will be developed with disabled children and young people, whānau, representatives from Mana Whaikaha, representatives from schools and early learning services, Ministry staff and other relevant agencies. Lessons learnt from this prototype will inform further implementation across New Zealand.

Information sessions for Kāhui Ako, schools and early learning services will be held in the MidCentral area in early 2019. Ongoing updates will be provided through the Bulletin.

For more information:

- Visit the Enabling Good Lives website
- Visit the Mana Whaikaha website

Email iona.holsted@education.govt.nz
Contact us at bulletin@education.govt.nz
The Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board will be running a new look Ngārimu competition for schools in 2019.

The competition was previously known as the Ngārimu Essay or Challenge Competition. Recognising the many new opportunities for creative expression, the 2019 Challenge will not be limited to written essays entries. Students may alternatively prepare a short video (for example a documentary or short film), an artistic piece or other product that communicates and personifies the leadership qualities and sacrifices of the 28th Māori Battalion.

While anyone can enter, the competition will be aimed at Māori students ranging from years 7 - 13. In anticipation, teachers, schools and kura may want to include learning opportunities about the 28th Māori Battalion in their curriculum planning for Term 2, 2019. Information and materials to assist with this can be found at the 28th Māori battalion website.

Review of Copyright Act 1994


Educators and schools use copyright material and the paper addresses certain allowed uses of copyright, including Educational Exceptions, by asking questions about the problems or benefits of the current Exceptions.

You can read the paper, register for a workshop or make a submission on MBIEs website. Submissions close 5 April 2019.

Tuia Mātauranga

Tuia Mātauranga: 2019 digital planner and inquiry-based resources now available.

Background

The Disability System Transformation is a cross-government initiative led by the Ministry of Health, and includes the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, Oranga Tamariki, ACC and the Ministry of Transport. There have been two small scale demonstrations of the Enabling Good Lives vision and principles in Christchurch (2013-2016) and Waikato (2015-current).

The Disability System Transformation was co-designed with disabled people, whānau and others in the disability sector, and based on the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) principles and vision. The EGL principles, and the vision and objectives of Mana Whaikaha are strongly aligned with the Ministry of Education’s Learning Support Delivery Model.
Further details will be provided in the new year in the Bulletin and on our website.

**Ministry of Education to increasingly use New Zealand Business Numbers**

The New Zealand Business Number (NZBN) Registrar is currently checking information about schools listed on the NZBN Register.

Your school may be contacted in the coming weeks if there’s a problem matching the correct NZBN with your school.

Please continue to notify information.officer@education.govt.nz of any address or contact detail changes.

**Background**

The NZBN will eventually allow your school to immediately share basic business information, such as your address or contact details, with government agencies and businesses your school works with and vice versa.

State and state-integrated schools have their NZBN maintained for them by the NZBN Registrar using information supplied by the Ministry of Education.

Private schools need to continue to maintain their own NZBN information via the NZBN website. If they do not have an NZBN, they may wish to consider applying for one online.

Government agencies, including the Ministry of Education, will increasingly use NZBNs to maintain some of their own information about an organisation.

Visit the NZBN website for more information.

**Connected Learning Advisory**

**Reminder:** At the end of this year, the Connected Learning Advisory will conclude.

**Updating Education Sector Logon details**

If you’re a delegated Education Sector Logon authoriser for your school, please log in to ESL to check your user list is current and their details are up to date. See how to update and deactivate user accounts. If you need help, contact the Education Service Desk.
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Tai Tokerau | Hira Gage

Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te Tau Hou ki a koutou katoa – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

The festive season is nearly upon us once again. I am sure you are looking forward to a well-earned break with whānau and friends. This year has been one of challenge and change as well as success and celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to you all for the amazing work you do in support of our tamariki and mokopuna of Tai Tokerau.

Learning Support Service Delivery Model – Whangarei

Over the past few months, we have been meeting with communities in Whangarei to develop a new way of working that provides a faster and more effective service for children and whānau.

A BIG thank you to everyone who attended our hui and provided your feedback to help shape a model that works for communities across Whangarei. Ngā mihi nui.
Te Manawa Tahi has begun in Otangarei this term with the intention of expanding to Tikipunga and other areas of Whangarei in the new year.

We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the model to ensure it is fit for purpose and meeting the needs of our community.

Meningococcal W Vaccination Programme – Northland DHB
Last week you would have received a communication through us from the Northland DHB regarding a community outbreak of Meningococcal W disease in Northland.

Northland DHB will be undertaking a vaccination programme for children aged from 9 months to under 5 years and those aged 13 to under 20 years who are Northland residents.

The vaccine programme will start in early December. The focus of the campaign is to stop the spread throughout the Northland region. For updates go to www.northlanddhb.org.nz

New Draft Early Learning Strategy Plan – He taonga te tamaiti
Consultation is now open on the Draft Strategic Plan for Early Learning. It sets out a vision and a pathway to develop and strengthen the early learning sector over the next 10 years, to meet the needs of all children and their families and whānau.

We are seeking feedback from whānau, kaiako, educators, service providers and wider members of the community. Find out dates and times of hui

Kāhui Ako and School Leaders Forum, 6-7 March 2019
Don’t forget to register for this forum next year. We’ve partnered with Infinity Learning to bring Charles Fadel, global education leader and Harvard scholar to Auckland. Charles will engage attendees on how to accelerate collective thinking about more relevant learning, living and success. Find out more and register here: Kahui Ako and School Leaders Forum

Christmas break – Ministry offices
All Ministry offices will close from 22 December.

The Whangarei office will reopen on 7 January 2019 and the Kerikeri and Kaitaia offices will reopen on 14 January 2019

On behalf of the Tai Tokerau Ministry staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Ngā mihi nui
Hira
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou mō te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou

Season’s Greetings to you all.

This is my last update for 2018, so I want to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment over this last year. The Minister’s Education Summit in May, and all of the consultation that has taken place since then, have made this year an extremely busy one for all those connected to education in New Zealand.

I hope you all get to have a much deserved break and to spend time with family and loved ones. I am very much looking forward to doing the same this year: 2018 will be my first Christmas as a grandmother, with both my son and daughter becoming parents in November. A double act!

If you have personnel changes at your school, or changes in phone numbers or emails, please remember to send an update through to auckland.contacts@education.govt.nz It is important that we know who and how to contact your schools throughout the break in the event of an emergency.

Christmas Break
The end of the year is fast approaching. With Christmas Eve falling on a Monday this year, all Ministry offices will be closed from Saturday 22 December.

Our Mt Eden office will be open with limited staff on 3 and 4 January 2019, with other staff returning from leave from 7 January 2019 onwards and all of our offices open from 7 January.

Consultation on the Draft Ten Year Strategic Plan for Early Learning
The early learning online survey, the findings of the Education Summits and the broader Education Conversation, and the other work being undertaken in the education portfolio has contributed to the development of a draft Ten Year Strategic Plan for Early Learning.

The new strategy sets out a planned approach to develop and strengthen the early learning sector, to meet the needs of all children and their families and whānau.

Key proposals for change include:
• moving towards a 100 percent qualified teacher workforce in early learning services
• improving the adult:child ratios for babies and toddlers
• increasing the consistency and levels of teacher salaries and conditions across the sector
• a more planned approach to establishing new services, greater support and increased monitoring of services.

Visit the Kōrero Mātauranga website for more information

Your feedback is welcomed through the link above, and engagement meetings will also be held in Auckland as per the dates below:
New Education Manager for Auckland East
We are pleased to welcome Jennie Whiley into the position of education manager. Jennie has previously worked at the Ministry and also has a background in early childhood education. She will be supporting schools and early learning services in the East, and leading our East team.

Our thanks to Sharon Fuemana for her leadership as acting education manager during her secondment in the role.

Curriculum, Progress and Achievement Meetings
A big thank you to all the schools that hosted discussion meetings for the Ministerial Reference Group on Curriculum, Progress and Achievement.

Karl Vassau, Principal of Rowandale School in Manurewa hosted a fono for Pasifika educators as part of the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement review, and shares his thoughts below:

The fono was facilitated by Stephanie Tawha who is the principal of Mangere Bridge School and part of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) - Reference Group. About 70 Pacific educators gathered and were facilitated through a Talanoa process that shared with the participants the nine emerging ideas developed by the MAG.

The feedback collected will be used to help shape the recommendations the MAG will present to the Minister of Education at the end of the year. Sonia Johnston, Principal of Roscommon School is a member on the MAG and was in attendance to show her support and endorsement of the work.

It was another successful consultation meeting and the participants were very pleased to have been included in this very important work. Pasifika voice is vital and important to the work of this review and Stephanie has been so busy travelling around to gather these voices. In true Pacific fashion we ended with a great catch up while sharing a yummy meal.

Rewa All Stars feature in new Air NZ Safety Video
Congratulations to the Rewa All Stars, a dance troupe from Manurewa High School. Following their success at the Hip Hop International New Zealand Mega Schools Street Dance Competition, the group are now featured in the latest Air NZ in-flight safety video alongside other well-known
kiwis including Julian Dennison, local musicians Kings, Theia and Randa as well as talent from 30 community groups across the country. Check it out next time you fly, or on YouTube.

End of Year English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) event

Once a term, Auckland’s refugee education coordinators, their bilingual workers and other school staff come together to meet and discuss social and educational issues for refugee background students in Auckland schools. The Auckland refugee cluster is supported by Ministry PLD funding and led by Mt Albert Grammar and their refugee coordinator and Head of Department (HOD) ESOL Pauline Godber.

During Terms 1-3, the afternoon meetings usually include a presentation by an individual or group working closely with refugee communities in Auckland, or someone who is starting a new initiative or research and would like to engage with the cluster for feedback and support. The cluster also organises either the Refugee Day Celebrations each year or, as for this year, supports the Olympic Day for refugee background students.

The final gathering for the cluster is organised as a professional development day in collaboration with refugee cluster leader Pauline Godber, and our senior advisors Adel Salmanzadeh and Asma Shah of the ESOL Migrant Refugee International team. This day has become a key event for refugee education in Auckland over the years and this year was hosted by Waterview Primary School for the first time.

The day included a presentation by Jenny Boomen, Refugee Coordinator and HOD ESOL at Waitakere College, based on her travel and research sabbatical to the UK as well as a presentation from Refugees As Survivors NZ. This opportunity was also used to discuss our refugee funding for schools and recognise the services of refugee bilingual workers in schools and give them the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences of working with students, their families and communities. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this event – see you next year.

Traumatic Incidents – Call 0800 848 326 (0800 TI TEAM)

We are very aware of how your students, staff and wider community can be affected by sudden or traumatic events which cause disruption, stress and/or risk in your learning environment. In the event of any traumatic incident, we are available to work closely with early childhood services, kōhanga reo, kura and schools to support you to manage the incident and help you continue your day-to-day operations.

Traumatic incidents have been broadly defined as events that:
• cause sudden and/or significant disruption to the operation or effective operation of a school, early childhood service and/or community
• have the potential to affect a large number of children, young people and/or staff
• create significant dangers or risks to the physical and emotional wellbeing of children, young people or persons within a community
• attract media attention or a public profile for the early childhood education service or school as a result of these incidents.

Our Traumatic incident team can be contacted anytime - 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Isabel Evans
Director of Education for Auckland

Waikato | Paula Rawiri

E rau rangatira mā nei rā aku mihi ki a koutou i tēnei wā o te tau. This is the last He Pitopito Kōrero for 2018 and I would like to say a big thank you for all your mahi this year. I have had the privilege of seeing you, your students and your staff demonstrate some exceptional and innovative work. Ka mau te wehi. I hope that you get a chance to have some time over the summer to rest and relax and to those colleagues who will be moving on to do other things, best wishes to you.

Matamata Kāhui Ako

There’s some awesome things happening in the Matamata Kāhui Ako at the moment if their latest newsletter is anything to go by. I’m particularly excited to see their efforts to increase the involvement and engagement of the early learning sector with the Kāhui Ako. Having contributions from players across the whole of the education pathway will be key to meeting achievement challenges and it’s great to see the Matamata cluster being so proactive in extending their Community of Learning beyond just schools in their rohe.

Well done also to Huntly District Kāhui Ako and the Taumarunui Kāhui Ako. I happened to read your latest newsletters informing your communities about the work of the Kāhui Ako and inviting people to be part of your journey. I hope you get positive responses to you invitation! Kia kaha ki roto i tēnei mahi rangatira.

Civil Defence & Emergency Preparedness

I recently attended a training session around the Ministry’s internal emergency management and business continuity plans and processes.

It was particularly sobering to listen to my colleagues from the Canterbury and Wellington regions...
share their experiences about Ministry and school responses to events such as the Christchurch and Kaikoura earthquakes, and the Work and Income shooting in Ashburton.

It was a very timely reminder these types of events can occur anywhere, at any time, and the importance of having clear plans and procedures in place that everyone is familiar with. Their kōrero highlighted the pivotal role school leaders and teachers have as first responders in these types of situations – something that is poignantly demonstrated by a video clip I recently watched about teachers’ and principals’ experiences during and after the Christchurch quake.

Coincidentally we had a meeting with the Civil Defence Emergency Management team for our region just a few days after the training. They expressed a desire to work with schools and kura in the region to help ensure you are prepared for emergencies and we will be including some information from them around this in the Bulletin next year.

As we head into the summer period, I’d strongly encourage you to review your plans and procedures and to make use of the online tools that Civil Defence have developed for school leaders and for teachers.

Waikato Regional Mentoring Project
We have been supporting 14 secondary schools and wharekura involved in the 2019 Regional Mentoring Project (RMP), which is focused on lifting Māori and Pacific student achievement in NCEA Level 2.

The RMP involves schools identifying Māori and Pacific students who:
- are in years 11, 12 or 13
- show signs they are unlikely to achieve NCEA without additional support
- would benefit from a mentoring programme to support their NCEA achievement.

The schools use a ‘student focused methodology’ approach (“numbers, names, needs, and next steps”) in their targeted support of the students. Each school designs and implements their own strategy to suit their students and their local contexts.

The schools involved produced a one page case study of their RMP work and shared these with other school leaders at a meeting hosted at the Ministry on 20 November. Key points were captured in illustrative notes. If you would like to get an insight into the actions undertaken, successes, learning, shifts in practice and next steps that you may be able to apply in your own school, please contact Karen Crowe on 07 858 7185 or karen.crowe@education.govt.nz

PLD Update - Latest allocation round
The demand for PLD hours in the latest round of applications greatly exceeded the remaining hours that we have available in our region.
Our region has 1650 hours remaining to be allocated for delivery to schools, kura and Kāhui Ako through to June 30, 2019, however 13,631 hours of PLD have been requested in the latest round of applications alone.

We will therefore need to prioritise allocations of hours based on needs and the ability to begin early in 2019. This will mean that your PLD application may not be successful in this round or that you may need to delay or shorten your planned PLD if you wish to use centrally funded PLD.

Please note there are schools, kura and Kāhui Ako in our region that have been unable to use previously allocated PLD hours in the time frame specified. These hours will be returned to the pool and will be allocated in the first two rounds next year for delivery before June 30 2019.

If you have applied for PLD hours in the 2018 Term 4 round and do not receive the hours you requested we would recommend that you:

- contact your Kāhui Ako/cluster group if you belong to one, and inquire about the PLD hours that may not yet have been released to your school/kura
- confirm you want your PLD application reconsidered in round one of 2019
- email Pld.Waikato@education.govt.nz if you need support with PLD planning for 2019/2020.

As a region we have some Programmes for Students (PfS) spaces for Accelerated Learning in Literacy (ALL) available. Please contact: Grace Marsh: Grace.Marsh@education.govt.nz DDI +6478373146 Ext 73146 | Mobile +64 27 551 9682 for more information.

**Smart Waikato’s Secondary School Employer Partnerships (SSEP)**

*Photos: Fraser High science students at Fairfield Dental Clinic; Matamata College maths students at J.Swap Contractors*

Smart Waikato’s Secondary School Employer Partnerships (SSEP) involve a range of employers working alongside teachers and Year 9 and 10 students to create classroom and workplace activities that link curriculum to the world of work. Smart Waikato was awarded Best Practice in Collaboration (business, iwi, community) for SSEP at the recent Economic Development New Zealand Annual Conference Gala Dinner.

Results from the 2017 survey of 544 SSEP students show having business people in the classroom and going out to workplaces has made 75 percent of students more interested in
the subject area, influenced their future subject choices, helped them understand why they are studying the subject at school and helped think about their future career.

Waikato Secondary School Principals interested in SSEP should complete the online application form Smart Waikato will be in touch with interested schools as funding permits. For more on SSEP visit the Smart Waikato website.

**Digital Technology Updates**

Have you heard about the new Digital Technologies Learning Area? Do you want to start planning for 2019, but are unsure of where to start? Are you seeking support or inspiration? Here are some key events and opportunities that are available:

**Digital readiness Information Series**: These are a series of workshops aimed at teachers in the Digital Technology Teachers Association Waikato region. They will be held at The Technology Hub, 2-10 Heuheu Street, Taupō. Read further information about the workshops or register online

**DT4HS courses**: (for new or aspiring digital technology teachers)

*DT4PS / Pou Hihiko*: A beginners course to grow awareness of digital technology content, this is pitched at primary school level, but is also suitable for high school teachers new to Digital Technologies & Hangarau Matahiko (DT&HM).

*DT4HS / Pou Rarama*: An NCEA level 1 course for digital technologies for beginning teachers and those new to digital technologies looking for support. These are led by University of Canterbury CSERG. Held 6-7 Dec in Auckland, 10-11 Dec in Christchurch and 13-14 Dec in Wellington. Read more information

**Internet of Things (IoT)**: The IoT Waikato Tech meetup is a group for innovators, thought leaders and organisations interested in developing the IoT and digital technology in the Waikato. The next meeting is being held at Gallagher Event Centre, Wintec on 12 December. Sign up here

**Tahi Rua Toru Tech Challenge**: The Challenge is a great way to get started with DT & HM in the classroom. By partnering with industries and organisations, you can activate the new DT & HM curriculum in your school and kura with the 123Tech Challenge

Feel free to call me on 07 850 8924 or email me at: paula.rawiri@education.govt.nz

Mā te Atua koutou hei manaaki hei tiaki.

Pai Mārire,
Paula
Kia Ora and Talofa Lava,

This my last Bulletin for 2018 and I’d like to take this opportunity on behalf of my team in the Ministry of Education Bay of Plenty – Waiariki to thank you for you and your staff for the great work you do to support our students. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year break with family and loved ones and we look forward to seeing you in 2019. My last day will be Friday 21 December and I return to work on Monday 21 January. Nancy McFarlane will be acting Director from Monday 7 January until I return.

Retiring Principals
We have a number of principals retiring at the end of this year and I wish to acknowledge their commitment and hard work to ensure that children have the opportunity to reach their individual potential. Niels Rasmussen from Sunset Primary School in Rotorua, Briar Stewart from Rotokawa School, Ally Gibbons from Rotorua Girls’ High School, Doug McLean from Whakatane Intermediate and Peter Fitzgerald from Awakeri School. Thank you for your service and we wish you all the best! We also have a number of principals who are leaving the region and I also want to thank them as well.

First Time Principals (FTP)
The response to our first time principals day in January has been great and thanks to those that are forwarding the information on.

To re-iterate, we are aware of the high number of first time principals (FTP) and new-to-the-region principals across our region for 2019. To this end we are planning a programme of support throughout 2019. The first event will be a workshop day on Monday 21 January 2019 and will cover off what a new principal would need to know on their first day, their first month and the first term with regard to a whole range of matters including staffing, finance, boards of trustees, property and data.

It will also be an opportunity for FTPs to meet each other, form a network and meet us, ERO, New Zealand School Trustees Association and Evaluation Associates. If you are a FTP or a new principal to this area and would like to attend this day please book early by emailing jon.dimock@education.govt.nz Feel free to bring this notice to the attention of anyone in your school that might be becoming an FTP in 2019.

This workshop will be held at the Ministry of Education office, Level Three, 1144 Pukaki Street from 8.30am to 4pm on Monday 21 January 2019.

License to Work Facilitator Training 22nd – 23rd November
We were fortunate last week to support the third License to work facilitator training in Whakatane. Toi EDA, the Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Bay of Plenty welcomed Shirley Johnson back to train a further group of facilitators from schools, youth organisations, iwi groups and
the Department of Corrections who are all either currently implementing or preparing to implement the License to Work Youth Employability Programme in 2019.

This follows two successful training days earlier in the year in Rotorua where Te Waiairiki Purea Trust is the regional lead and in Tauranga where Employs NZ has put its hand up to lead the programme for that part of the region. With Taupō Pathways leading the programme in Taupō we are now set for a region wide opportunity for schools, kura and other youth organisations to be able to access training and support to implement this programme.

We are really excited to have a new group of schools ready to deliver this to senior students in 2019 as part of our region-wide focus on youth employability and developing stronger pathways for young people from education into employment.

The facilitator training days are always highly interactive and great fun. We hope to bring more schools and kura on board as the programme rolls out and develops in 2019.

Keep up to date
There a number of reviews underway and I’d encourage you to stay in touch with what’s happening by following the updates in the main section of the bulletin and on the Education Conversation website

Kāhui Ako Lead Principal and Early Learning Leads
Recently Kāhui Ako lead principals from across the region met with early learning personnel to share their stories of collaboration and success.

There was a real mix of stories and success from excellent oral language PLD involving teachers from across the sectors.

Some insightful quotes from the meeting:

*Our Across School Teachers are able to measure the real change for children, and we are working smarter towards the achievement challenges of oral language and developing our learning support register.*

*We embraced the notion of curriculum readiness not school readiness.*

*Early learning is a part of everything we do in the Kāhui Ako.*

*We have four early learning representatives at governance and they are making a real difference.*

Christmas Closure
All four of our Bay of Plenty – Waiairiki offices will be closed from 1.30pm 21 December until 8am Monday 7 January. However, in an emergency situation during this time you can call:

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Feel free to call me on 07 349 8309 or email me at: ezra.schuster@education.govt.nz

Ia Manuia, Ezra Schuster

**Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu | Jann Marshall**

Tēnā tātou katoa

**Welcome**

As this is the final Ministry Bulletin for 2018 I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the work that you have done to support your students this year.

I would also like to wish all of you a happy, safe and relaxing festive season and hope that you come back from holiday refreshed and ready to meet the exciting challenges ahead of us in 2019.

**U-Skills Academy**

Over 400 secondary school students from the lower North Island will be finishing the school year with new skills and knowledge in their chosen vocational pathway after completing U-Skills Academy programmes from the Universal College of Learning (UCOL).

These students have been recognised at a series of awards evenings in Palmerston North, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Otaki over the past few weeks.

The U-Skills Academy programmes focus on giving students industry-relevant skills and contribute towards their NCEA qualifications.

UCOL Schools Partnerships Manager, Hayden Robinson, explained that students have benefited from the programmes in a number of ways.
“U-Skills Academy programmes give students vocational pathway skills and knowledge. The programmes also give them a taste of a tertiary learning environment, help them with their personal growth and confidence, and can relate directly to employment or further training.”

Hato Paora College student, Kaea Tibble, says he chose to enrol in the U-Skills Business Enterprise Programme to get a feel for the subject before deciding what to study at tertiary level.

“I’m in year 12 so I’m at the stage where I need to start thinking about tertiary study. Tertiary education is such an expense so I have to know what I’ll like studying before I make decisions.”

Kaea says studying at UCOL gave him a good base understanding of how businesses work, and helped him learn about co-operation, and developing and pitching ideas.

For further information about UCOL’s in-school study options for secondary students visit the UCOL website

Mid Central Disability System Transformation – Mana Whaiaka
As part of the Disability System Transformation, the Ministry of Health is leading a prototype in the MidCentral DHB area, Mana Whaiaka. We are working in partnership with Mana Whaiaka to support the local implementation of a number of key initiatives for education.

Read more about the prototype in the Heads up section

Remember if you need to contact me do not hesitate to do so on 06 349 6315 or email me at jann.marshall@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi
Jann

Hawke’s Bay, Tairāwhiti | Roy Sye

Tēnā koutou

Christmas and the end of the year are almost upon us and it’s certainly been a big year! We’ve had a number of reviews happening over the past year, thank you for your professional commitment and continued support.

This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year, and there have been many! Notably William Colenso College who was awarded the Prime Ministers Excellence Awards Education Focus Prize - Takatū Prize and Flaxmere College won the Excellence in Teaching and Learning - Atatū Award and the Prime Ministers Supreme Award - Takiri Ko Te Ata.

However, I am also aware this year has not been without it challenges and I wanted to thank you all for stepping in to support other schools, kura and colleagues at times of need. I know they truly appreciated it.
Enjoy the upcoming break, it is certainly well deserved. Meri Kirihimete!!

Tamatea High School Employers Speed Meet
Tamatea High School Year 10 students recently met with 13 employers and employees in a Speed Meet type event.

Employers represented were Gair Contracting, Pan Pac, Hawke’s Bay Forestry Group, Turners & Growers, Farming, MITO, Pak n Save, Defence Force, ASB, NOW Finance, and BDO. Our very own Ministry of Education Psychologist Gillian Hewitt-Stubbs also attended. The students appreciated the opportunity and made some valuable connections.

2019 PLD Area Allocation dates
Kāhui Ako, schools and kura looking to access centrally funded PLD should start thinking about their PLD needs for the coming year. If you would like to submit a PLD proposal please send it to your key Ministry contact person. Key dates can be found below.

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Child-Centred Safety Practices in Education Workshop
A friendly reminder to contact your education advisor if you are interested in attending the Child-Centred Safety Practices in Education Workshop planned for Thursday 31 January 2019, at 4pm in the Napier Ministry of Education meeting rooms.

This workshop is intended for principals and board chairs in the Hawke’s Bay/Central Hawke’s Bay area. We plan to run a similar workshop in the Tairāwhiti and Wairoa region later in 2019.

Message from NZ Police
Schools are occasionally the victims of burglary and during the school holidays the likelihood of this increases.

Please ensure you put in measures to protect your buildings and belongings from burglaries during this time.

Make sure:
- classrooms and office blocks are secure (no faulty latches, etc.)
- valuables and electronic equipment is stored away securely and out of sight (this extends to the office block as this area frequently targeted)
alarms are checked to ensure they are working
• signage is in place to show the buildings are alarmed (and where appropriate under CCTV surveillance)
• you have up to date contact details should anyone from the school need to be contacted
• lighting around key areas of the school are working.

Staff Farewell: Lynne Maguire
Lynne joined the Ministry 17 years ago and has worked tirelessly for schools across the Hawke’s Bay/Tairāwhiti region, in a wide range of areas. We know that Lynne considers it a privilege to have had the opportunity to work alongside so many schools, leaders, boards of trustees and educators dedicated to providing the very best education for their students.

Lynne’s expertise and knowledge will be a great loss to our region and the Hawke’s Bay/Tairāwhiti team will genuinely miss the support, guidance and leadership she has provided her colleagues over the years.

The next chapter for Lynne and her husband Michael is very exciting and filled with many happy times as they make the move to be closer to their family. Very well deserved!

Feel free to call me on 06 833 6898 or email me at: roy.sye@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi, Roy

Wellington | Erika Ross

This is the final Bulletin for 2018 signalling we’ve made it through another busy year. There have been numerous reviews and engagement hui about various parts of the education system. I’d like to thank you all for the contributions you have made to these and the overall Education Conservations. Your contributions will help develop the education system of the future.

In addition, I would also like to thank your boards and staff for their contributions to these hui and for all their commitment and hard work supporting the young people and their families at your schools.

Over the holiday period there’s two phone numbers you might find useful. These are:
• Cove Kinloch, our property emergency contractors for state schools, 0800 372 4357
• Our Ministry Traumatic Incident Service, 0800 TI TEAM.

I hope these numbers don’t have to be used, but we’re here to support you if needed. Our offices will be closed from the end of Friday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 7 January 2019.

On behalf of all the Wellington regional team may I wish you and your families all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with you all. I look forward to re-engaging in the New Year. In the meantime I hope you all a fabulous holiday break and time with your whānau.
Leadership changes
There are a number of principals we know who are departing or retiring from our schools at the end of this year. I’d like to take the opportunity to say a very big thank you and farewell to:

- Sandy McCallum from Mt Cook School
- Barry Schon from Johnsonville School
- Rose Sawaya from Bishop Viard College

Our sincere thanks to you for your years of service and dedication to educating the young people in our region. I wish you all the very best for your future endeavours.

New disability support system – Mana Whaikaha, launched in MidCentral DHB area
The Ministry of Health is leading a prototype of the Disability System Transformation starting in the MidCentral DHB area. You can read more about it in the Heads up section

Clifton Terrace Model School- First World War Memorial

In 1971, during the construction of the Wellington urban motorway, Clifton Terrace Model School’s First World War memorial fell down a bank into Shell Gully and was irreparably damaged.

Now, 47 years since the memorial last stood, the school has installed a new memorial for the 118 students, two teachers and one former school committee member who died on active service in the First World War.

The memorial, which was unveiled at 10.30am on 19 November, was designed in collaboration with Athfield Architects, and features 120 individual bronze artworks created by the pupils and teachers of Clifton Terrace Model School.

Congratulations to Principal Jenny Austin and all those involved in this initiative.

Douglas Park School
Congratulations to Douglas Park School who nabbed an award at the inaugural Learning Environments New Zealand Awards on 4 November. Douglas Park School won the ‘For Excellence in Educational Facilities – renovation/modernization under $500k’ category for transforming 11 single cells into three amazing flexible learning spaces.

Wairarapa College
Congratulations also to Wairarapa College for third prize in the recent Fair Go 2018 Ad Awards competition. Tourism was the theme of this year’s ad awards with kiwi kids challenged to sell their special slice of New Zealand. Students produced a video promoting the Wairarapa region. Great catch phrase by the way – “What are you waiting for? Come unwrap the ‘Rapa!”.
2019 TREEmendous Schools

TREEmendous, in association with the Mazda Foundation and the Project Crimson Trust, launched in 2007. Since then they have helped 41 schools create amazing native gardens and outdoor classrooms. Each year, four schools are chosen to have an area of their grounds turned into an outdoor classroom.

Congratulations to Konini Primary who have won $10,000 towards transforming their school field from bare grass to an engaging outdoor learning environment. The TREEmendous team will support the school to implement the first stage of their plan with CIE Nursery generously providing the native plants required for the first years’ planting. The plantings will create a habitat which will encourage birds, insects and lizards to the school.

Keeping your place safe and secure

A reminder to make sure your school or kura is secured during the Christmas and summer break to ensure opportunists can’t steal or damage valuable teaching and learning resources. In particular, keep your digital devices locked in a secure room and out of sight, and dry vegetation away from buildings over the long break.

Emergency contact

Please make sure I have your current cell phone details and those of your board chair. In any emergency I use these numbers to contact you and help ensure you get the support you may need. You can send these cell phone numbers and email addresses to Mata Gilbert at mata.gilbert@education.govt.nz. In addition, if you are a state school and if your school is damaged as the result of a disaster such as fire, flood or extreme weather - contact the emergency response coordinator. In our region - this is Cove Kinloch. Their phone number is 0800 372 4357. They provide a 24 hour, 7 days a week service to manage emergency calls. If your school is integrated, you will still need to contact your proprietor.

Ministry offices during Christmas and New Year

All of our offices (Lower Hutt, Masterton, Porirua and Otaki) close at 5pm on Friday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 7 January.

Nāku noa nā,

Erika Ross
Director of Education for Wellington
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Ph: 04 463 8668, Mb: 027 509 0430
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

I would to acknowledge and thank you all for your fine work with your students, staff and communities. Your contributions and service make a significant difference often in ways that are not obvious immediately. My staff and I look forward to supporting you in the New Year with the opportunities and challenges it will bring.

With Christmas Eve falling on a Monday this year, all Ministry offices will be closed from Saturday 22 December. Our offices will open with limited staff on Thursday 3 January 2019, with other staff returning from leave from Monday 7 January onwards.

Principal farewells
Farewell to Karen Kellaway, who has been the principal at Canvastown School for over 16 years and is retiring after 45 years in the teaching profession.

Farewell also to Selena Tonks who is leaving Grovetown School after 15 years. Best wishes Selena as you take up your role as schools’ advisor with REAP Marlborough.

Early Learning Strategic Plan Consultation
We are working with parents, teachers, stakeholders and the wider community to develop a 10 Year Early Learning Strategic Plan. View the draft plan on the Kōrero Mātauranga website and have your say.

We are also holding the following consultation sessions.

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Property 101 sessions
The property team have started running “101” sessions for schools in the region to help demystify how property is managed and the roles and responsibilities of schools, consultants and the
Ministry. It also covers the processes required to write a 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP) and undertake projects.

The Nelson based property team run each session for two to three hours. They are relatively informal, interactive and the content designed solely for schools.

At the start of November the team ran a session in the Nelson office, here is some of the feedback received:

- “An effective and efficient session that covered a lot of processes and Ministry initiatives”.
- “Very informative, great to be able to openly ask questions”.
- “Attending the Property 101 workshop was not only a valuable learning opportunity, it also provided a chance to get to know our property advisor, James, as well as network with colleagues from other schools”.
- “It was ideal having a small group so we could ask questions”.
- “I was pleased I attended (despite a long drive), this is saying something as it was a good 5+ hours of travel”.
- “We understand that future meetings are planned next year and would recommend taking advantage of this opportunity…”
- “It was also great when you drilled into websites and brought up real examples…”

Throughout the year, advisors will be running sessions for small groups (8 to 12 people) around the region. If preferred, sessions can be done in schools at a time that suits a group of staff/board members and with content adapted for the group.

If you are interested in attending a session, or would like more information on the content, please contact your property advisor (below).

John Crone  john.crone@education.govt.nz  (03) 539 1530
James Hardy  james.hardy@education.govt.nz  (03) 539 1548
Rhonda Dalliessi  rhonda.dalliessi@education.govt.nz  (03) 539 1549

Professional Development opportunity - Sexualised play and behaviour in schools (Years 1-8)

A training and networking opportunity for senior school leaders, SENCO’s, teachers as well as staff from Oranga Tamariki, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, and the Ministry of Education.

The intended outcomes of the training is to: learn positive management strategies to respond to sexualised play and behaviour, access a range of resources and make links with other local support services.

Four sessions are available:

- **Motueka Golden Bay**: 14 February 1-4pm, St Johns Training Room, 15 Courtney St, Motueka
- **Richmond**: 28 February 1-4pm, Salisbury School Hall, 67 Salisbury Rd, Richmond
Wakefield School – 175th Anniversary
Congratulations to Wakefield School community who recently celebrated their 175th Anniversary, making it the oldest known school in New Zealand. A gala weekend was held on the weekend of 9-10 November, to mark the occasion. Special guest, Marie Baigent (91) is pictured cutting the celebratory cake. Marie attended the school in the 1930’s and is the oldest former pupil.

Woolf Fisher Award – Mandy O’Sullivan
Congratulations to Mandy O’Sullivan, Principal of Greymouth Main School who was recently awarded a Woolf Fisher Trust Fellowship for 2019. Mandy is planning to attend the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Annual Conference in Philadelphia, followed by a course at Harvard. Mandy is looking forward to the benefits this opportunity will bring to the Greymouth School whānau and more broadly to the education community on the West Coast.

Lower Moutere School
Lower Moutere School is extremely proud of their unique Discovery Programme run by Maureen Wilkinson in her new entrant classroom. The programme is built on discovery-based learning experiences that go beyond curriculum learning to support children to develop key learn-to-learn competencies. Maureen supports the whole child’s social, emotion, physical and cognitive development through custom-made learning experiences that positively affect the children’s motivation, engagement, autonomy, creatively, and problem-solving skills.

Ward School
Ward School have been busy in their community. Students visited a science fair, commemorated Armistice Day with the mayor and local MP, brought their pets in for Pet day, as well as supported Red Cross through a Variety Concert – well done Ward School!
There have been many highlights and successes in 2018, and I am sure you will all be looking forward to having a restful break after what has been a busy year.

End of year events and prize giving ceremonies are such a special time for schools, kura, students and whānau. Thank you for inviting us to share these special occasions with you. Ministry staff who have had the opportunity to attend and share these moments with school communities always tell me what a great privilege it is to be part of your celebrations.

Southbridge School marked their 150 year jubilee with a weekend of celebrations and I was honoured to be with them on such a memorable occasion. Generations of students have enjoyed learning in a supportive school environment and after 150 years, Southbridge School continues its long tradition of being an integral part of their local community.

We hope the weather did not interrupt the weekend activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell our principals who have led significant transformation of their schools and have contributed to the development of education in Canterbury.

We wish you all the best whether you are retiring or embarking on new endeavours at the end of this term and a heartfelt thanks for your outstanding contribution, passion and dedication to education:

Margaret Dodds, Waitaha School
Jeanette Shearer, Isleworth School
This is our last newsletter for the year and our office will be closed from 5pm, Friday 21 December until 8am, Monday 7 January 2019.

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 yvonne.caetano@education.govt.nz
- Traumatic incident support team on 0800 848 326.

**Oaklands School Eco-Warriors placed 1st in New Zealand**

The Oaklands School Eco-Warriors junior team headed off to the national finals in Auckland and came back as National Junior champions in the Community Problem Solving division.

The Eco-Warriors group meet each week to explore real life problems in their community. They began in Term 2 this year and have followed a six step problem solving model to reduce the amount of rubbish, particularly plastic packaging, in their school and community.

Five members of their group travelled to Auckland over the weekend of 2-4 November to compete in the national competition. They had to create a display, have an interview about their project and present to approximately 200 people on Saturday night. They also submitted a scrapbook and written report outlining all the work the team had done over the three terms.

They look forward to continuing with their project next year and their hope for the future is to have a rubbish free school and plastic free lunch boxes. Well done, what an awesome achievement. Congratulations to everyone involved in this great project.

**Learning Support Team**

As mentioned in the last newsletter Susan Schneideman has been appointed to the permanent role of Manager Learning Support for the Canterbury/Chatham Islands region. Susan leads the delivery of learning support services to our region and is supported by a team of learning support
managers. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the team for learning and behaviour support needs. You can view service manager information here including their contact details.

Grow Waitaha – Your Stories
The Grow Waitaha team is always looking to share exciting stories about education in Canterbury. They welcome guest writers and blog posts and would love to feature some of the amazing innovations that are taking place.

There is a section on the Grow Waitaha website where stories are shared, if you are interested in contributing a story, please email your idea to growwaitaha@gmail.com

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow UPDATE
A collaborative response on mental health services for children. Read the article on page 12 in the Spring edition of the Canterbury District Health board magazine.

More information is available on the CCN website

Education Gazette – Earthquakes, excursions and localised learning experiences
A Canterbury geography teacher is using the context provided by the Christchurch earthquakes to help his students explore their personal and shared local histories. Read the full article here

Early Learning Strategic Plan – Consultation Hui
The draft plan is open for consultation and hui are taking place around the country for families and whānau, kaikako, service providers, educators and the wider community to discuss the suggested changes and the timeline for introducing them.

The hui are primarily aimed at early learning providers, educators and parents, but anyone is welcome to attend. There will be a presentation about the draft plan, and opportunities for questions and discussion.

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If you are interested in attending one of the hui visit our events section and register now.
RTLB Year 11+ Funding
For 2018, annual funding for year 11+ students with learning and behaviour needs has been managed and distributed by the Ministry’s regional offices. Following a meeting in September 2017 and subsequent engagement with schools, a decision was made for the Canterbury and Chatham Island region to use a pro rata distribution directly to schools with a $1000 minimum. We will be using this method again for 2019 with payments being made directly to schools in January and July.

Please ensure your finance officer is aware of these payments. Letters outlining the amount for your school has been sent to the principal.

As agreed in 2017, there are minimum accountability requirements of either completing a one page statement or a statement in the 2018 annual report. This should be submitted to the Ministry at the time of submitting the annual report.

If you have queries regarding this funding please contact Simon Blatchford, simon.blatchford@education.govt.nz

Growing Aotearoa
In the future, there will be a growing number of opportunities in our innovative primary sectors. The future of primary industries won’t look the same as it has traditionally – growing populations, complex global trade and a move toward sustainability will pose new challenges. As primary industries grow to meet these challenges, the sector will need researchers, consultants, veterinarians, and people skilled in IT, engineering, robotics and other technological areas. Qualifications will be needed across a range of subjects from science and technology, economics, maths and engineering, right through to marketing and human relations.

It’s important to develop our students to meet future demands and ensure they are exposed to future opportunities in the primary industries. NZ Young Farmers and Growing NZ have some useful teaching resources and opportunities for schools at www.agrication.co.nz and www.growingnz.org.nz. NZ Young Farmers are also working with other organisations to bring together over 100 teaching resources in one place so keep an eye of their website in 2019.

Try it out in your school, call the NZ Young Farmers to find out more. David Highsted (Territory Manager) is keen to hear from primary schools, or head of departments in science, maths and English in secondary schools, phone 03 344 2473 or 021 915 527, or email: david.highsted@youngfarmers.co.nz

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

Please enjoy your well-deserved break with loved ones, keep safe and we look forward to a new and exciting year of opportunities in 2019.
Feel free to call me on 03 378 7345 or email me at: coralanne.child@education.govt.nz

Enjoy the final bulletin for the year.

Mā te wā
Coralanne Child
Director of Education for Canterbury | Chatham Islands

Otago, Southland | Julie Anderson

Kia ora koutou and warm Pasifika greetings

This is the last bulletin for 2018 so I want to thank you for the work you do every day in making a difference to the learning of the children and young people in your schools and Kāhui Ako. Your influence extends to the parents, families, whānau and communities you serve in striving to ensure our young people get the very best education and life opportunities. Leading schools is a complex and challenging job but at this time of the year, I hope you get some time to reflect on the positive progress of your students and enjoy the end of year celebrations. THANK YOU!

Knowing it is very busy at this time of year I have kept it short – just a few reminders about our office hours and key contacts over the Christmas break, information about the Otago Participatory Science Platform 2019 and a summary of a recent meeting I had with Nola Tipa, Ngāi Tahu Kaiarahi Mātauraka and a reminder for secondary schools about their Years 11+ funding.

South Island Directors termly meeting with Ngāi Tahu
The termly South Island Directors meeting with Nola Tipa from Ngāi Tahu Education was held in the Dunedin office on 27 November. The Education Work Programme, feedback from our wānanga engagements, data on Ngāi Tahu students, iwi-provided learning supports and the kaitoko roles (in each rūnanga) helping whānau engage with education were all discussed.

Ngāi Tahu do provide a number of supports for student learning both in and outside of school, but want to ensure they are well aligned with the progress of students in school. They would value your support in meeting their requests for school-based assessment evidence to help determine the nature of the support they can offer the students that will best assist the student alongside the school.

We discussed the newly developed Toikuranui Investment Framework (formally known as IMER) that will support local iwi working together to develop education work plans. These will contribute to strengthening educationally powerful connections for Māori learners to participate, engage and achieve as Māori in and through the education system. Toikuranui means “Learning Excellence. Creating the opportunity and environment for learning to thrive”. Our seven rūnanga will met on 4 December to discuss the governance and opportunity this funding will provide.
Years 11+ funding for 2019
Thank you for your feedback and confirmation of funding allocation for the 2019 Years 11+ funding. We are in the process of preparing and sending the funding agreements to all schools – most of you will have received these by now. Please complete your 2019 plan and return this to us as soon as possible. The plans need to be submitted and agreed to before we can confirm the allocation payment, so it would be good to get these completed before the end of the year.

Thank you to those who have sent in their 2018 reports – it is great to see your results and the impact this funding has had. Reports were due on 30 November, and our education advisors will follow up on the remaining reports this week.

Otago Participatory Science Platform 2019
A reminder that Otago Science Into Action is currently inviting proposals for the 2019 Otago Participatory Science Platform (PSP).

The PSP supports community-driven research projects, where citizens and scientists join forces to tackle a shared problem or opportunity.

Key points to note:
• Applicants can request up to $20,000 (excl. GST) per project.
• Up to $172,000 of Project Funding is available for investment in this 2019 round.
• Projects should ideally aim to be completed by June 2020.
• The deadline for this round is: Noon, Thursday 7 March 2019.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Science Into Action website, along with the registration process.

The Otago Science Into Action team strongly encourage all groups wishing to apply – either first timers or those who may have registered/applied previously – to register and discuss their project ideas with them as early as possible.

For any queries contact Craig Grant: craig.grant@otagomuseum.nz or 021 279-8465.

Office closures and contacts over the holiday break
All three of our offices – Dunedin, Invercargill and Cromwell will be closed from Monday 24 December 2018 and will reopen on Monday 7 January 2019.

The traumatic incident phone will be covered over the holiday break – contact 0800 848 326 (0800 TI Team).

If there is an incident at your school over the holiday break and you need property support, please contact School Support Limited – 0800 111 775 or email yvone.caetano@schoolsupport.co.nz

Over the Christmas break schools can be a target for arson attacks – a reminder that our property team suggest that rubbish bins and skips are secured and well away from buildings, and to
remove any materials that can be used to set fires.

Meri Kirihimete and season’s greetings from all the team here at the Ministry of Education. We hope you all have a well-earned break over the festive season and enjoy time with your whānau and friends. We look forward to reconnecting with you in the New Year and continuing to work together to ensure excellence and equitable outcomes across all schools and Kāhui Ako in our region.

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

Ngā mihi mahana

Julie

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