



Hands On

New Zealand College of Early Childhood Education Newsletter December 2011 Volume 4



We have come to the end of what has been a memorable year. On behalf of the staff of the College I would like to thank all our students, Associate Teachers and colleagues in the wider ECE sector. Your support and assistance throughout the year has been very much appreciated.

The courage, resilience and adaptability of our staff and students has been quite exceptional. While the earthquakes have had a devastating effect on our city and its people, it is important that we maintain an optimistic outlook. The fact that classes began less than two weeks after the February earthquake speaks volumes for the determination and innovation of all the people within our College. We have remained future focused and our new campus in Sawyers Arms Road is really taking shape. This is our new home. It will without doubt be a vibrant campus because of the people within it.

I would like to pay particular tribute to our students. It was extremely moving to see both our On Campus and Field -based students receive recognition at the



Students performing at the Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Ceremony for completing their study in the most trying of conditions. This brief Christmas newsletter features photos of our Graduation Ceremony. Sharlene Poole, known to many as the 'Baby Whisperer', gave an inspirational address at the ceremony. Sharlene who was a former student of the College, is testament to what can be achieved with a good grounding in early childhood education, a strong work ethic and a positive outlook.

We look forward to an exciting (and hopefully more settled) year in 2012. Enrolments are very encouraging and we look forward to enjoying our new campus. We also look forward to continuing the progress on the development of our new degree programme.

Arrangements for the beginning of next year are included in this newsletter.

I trust you have a safe and very relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Andy Walker
Chief Executive Officer



Sharlene Poole



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Early Childhood Education
Te Whare Matauranga Kohungahunga o Aotearoa

Hand in hand with your success

2011 College Exemplar

Congratulations to the 2011 College Exemplar, Amber Mears.



Amber Mears

The award is made to the student graduating from the On Campus programme who best exemplifies the qualities of the College's Graduate Profile detailed below.

A graduate from the Diploma of Teaching (ECE) programme is a holistic teacher who:

- Understands about learning and how people learn, including understanding their own learning
- Is passionate about Early Childhood Education and is an advocate for children
- Has confidence in their ability to make a difference
- Builds strong relationships
- Values cultural diversity and appreciates New Zealand's rich history and traditions within a global environment
- Has strong practical skills underpinned by evidence based best practice and academic research
- Is a professional and a committed member of the teaching profession
- Has a commitment to lifelong learning
- Understands the influences of personal, social and cultural factors on teaching and learning
- Is an inclusive teacher able to teach across contexts and meet the needs of a diverse range of learners, families and whanau
- Critically reflects on and refines their teaching practice
- Anticipates and responds successfully to change

Associate Teacher Evening

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2012
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: At the College's new campus

This promises to be an enjoyable evening during which the College's new Professional Teaching Practice process and the role of an Associate Teacher will be explained. There will also be information about the planned Degree and Degree Upgrade programmes, as well as a tour of the new campus.

As a result of the establishment of a new College company, all Associate Teachers that support the College are required to complete a new IRD 330 tax form to enable the payment of the Associate Teacher fee. Associate Teachers wanting the payment made to their centres will now need to make the invoice out to 'New Zealand College of Early Childhood Education Limited'.

A mail out about Professional Teaching Practice (PTP) arrangements for 2012 was recently sent out to all Canterbury based centres in November. Please contact the College if you require an information pack. Key dates for next year are:

2012 On Campus Centre based PTP dates:

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| Stage 1 | 15 October | - | 02 November |
| Stage 2 | 05 March 28 May 13 August 15 October | - | 30 March 22 June 07 September 09 November |
| Stage 3 | 22 February 30 April 06 August | - | 30 March 01 June 14 September |

2012 Field-based 'away' PTP dates:

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| Stage 2 | 23 April 15 October | - | 18 May 09 November |
| Stage 3 | 23 April 24 September | - | 22 June 23 November |
| Stage 3 | PTP needs to be 4 consecutive weeks within the 9 week periods above. | | |

The College has introduced a new system for Associate Teachers to book On Campus student placements. Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/MVT3ZKZ.

Enrolment Information

Enrolments are still being considered for both the On Campus and Field-based programmes. If you are considering study in 2012 please contact the College. It is likely that 2012 will be the final year for intakes into the College's Diploma of Teaching (ECE) programmes. Entry criteria for the proposed degree programme for school leavers will be significantly higher than the existing diploma criteria from 2013.

If you are interested in study at the College in 2012, please don't delay and contact a Student Services Advisor on:
0800 CHILDHOOD (0800-244-534) or
infonzcece@teacher.co.nz.

Programme dates

The 2012 Field-based programme block week dates are:

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| Christchurch | 12—16 March | and | 13—17 August |
| Auckland | 26—30 March | and | 27—31 August |

The 2012 On Campus programme start dates are:

Stage 1

Starts 08 February 2012 - Finishes 30 November 2012

Stages 2 and 3

Starts 07 February 2012 - Finishes 30 November 2012

Further information on the programmes can be found on our website: www.teacher.co.nz

Holiday hours of operation

Academic staff are on leave from Monday 19 December returning Friday 20 January 2012.

The College office will be closed from 5:00pm Friday 23 December reopening on Wednesday 04 January 2012.

New College address

**Units 12 and 13, 114 Sawyers Arms Road
Papanui, Christchurch 8052
P O Box 5561, Papanui, Christchurch 8542**

All other contact details remain the same

Graduation photographs

Photographs of the College's graduation are available from <http://www.kenbakerphotography.com/>. Select 'events' then select NZCECE graduation 2011.



*Amber Mears receiving her Diploma from
Andy Walker, Chief Executive Officer*

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*Merry
Christmas*