



## Chairperson and Principal's Report 2010

2010 marks the beginning of the second decade of Health School education and as such brings together all that has been developed during the previous ten years. In July we took time to celebrate those developments and successes achieved.

The school roll continues to grow steadily across the South Island, showing that students who are sick are more able to access education through the Southern Regional Health School (SRHS). A new initiative, in partnership with CAF Mental Health Services has been put in place at Princess Margaret Hospital to enable more students to engage in education. The roll in Marlborough has remained stable and we have begun to negotiate with the Ministry of Education to establish a Support Centre in Blenheim.

Discussions have been held with the Ministry to establish an agreed system of staffing and funding entitlements and a process for making property changes has been begun. It is hoped that the latter will be in place in 2011 in order to streamline the Blenheim property development.

A key to this work with the Ministry has been the three Health Schools working together for positive outcomes. The Board chairs and principals meet regularly and the annual combined Boards' conference was held in Auckland in 2010.

Saturday 4 September 2010 is a day we will never forget in Christchurch, when a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck the city. Despite the damage to buildings and land, fortunately no lives were lost and all staff and students were safe. Cardale House sustained little damage and an engineer's clearance enabled us to resume teaching once the CBD cordon was removed.

Thank you for the continuing support and guidance of the Board in 2010. Particular thanks must go to Kevin Smith, the founding Board chair of the school who stood down in May. It is in large part his efforts that have seen the Southern Regional Health School become what it is today. We are proud to work with such a supportive Board, dedicated staff and associated agencies to meet the educational needs of students who are unwell in the South Island.

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