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Dates for your diary

4 August

SMS Demo Day, Chch

21 - 30 August

Technology for schools

25 - 27 September

ULearn 06

SMS survey winners
Congratulations to Canvastown and Cambridge East Schools who each won a \$100 morning tea shout in our March student management systems (SMS) survey. Thanks to all schools who provided information about when they were planning to move to an accredited SMS. For more on student management systems visit our recently revamped [webpages](#).

SMS Demo Day

4 August, Addington Events Centre, Christchurch.

A chance to view the accredited SMS recommended for primary schools. \$35 per head. View more [here](#).

Technology for schools Exhibition and Seminar

21/22 Aug - Chch Convention Centre

24/25 Aug - Te Papa Wellington

29/30 Aug - Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, Auckland

Targeted at people in schools who are responsible for school networks and technology, both in a strategic sense and in day-to-day operations. Depending on the character and size of each school, such people may be

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ENROL makes its way to 465 schools

In Term 3 of this year, ENROL is going to be making its way to all secondary, intermediate and restricted composite schools. The software has been extensively tested and piloted twice in schools. Feedback received from the pilots indicate that an overwhelming 97% of respondents see ENROL as a tool that will greatly assist in managing student enrolment processes and 70% of respondents felt that it would take less time to complete enrolment related tasks using ENROL as compared to the existing manual process.

For a comprehensive Question and Answer document [click here](#)

Funding application for the ICT Professional Development Cluster Programme 2007-2009

The Ministry of Education invites proposals from clusters of schools for funding to support ICT professional development programmes focussed on improving teaching quality and learning outcomes for all students and strengthening communities of professional practice. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday July 28th 2006

More details and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Ministry of Education [website](#).

SMS satisfaction survey

We recently surveyed schools who have installed accredited

Board of Trustees members, Principals, IT specialists, teachers with specialised responsibility for the technology or external consultants.

Mark these dates in your diary now. More coming soon.

ULearn06

Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch 25-27 Sept PLUS full day pre-conference workshops - 24 Sept

ULearn06 equips and inspires teachers to integrate new technologies into the teaching process. Conference content is directly applicable to all teaching and learning environments, from early childhood to tertiary and the two 'mega themes' of leadership and learning ensure there is plenty of highly relevant learning on offer for everyone.

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SMS to check their satisfaction with the sales, training and installation process. [Click here](#) to see the results of this survey.

SMS decision making help

We now have two ex-principals who can help school clusters with Student Management System (SMS) decision making.

Carolyn Stuart was previously at Southbridge School and has a particular interest in helping schools select an SMS they'll be able to use effectively across the school. Rod Browning (currently acting principal at Kaikoura High School) will be available from August and has particular strengths in the change management process.

To contact either Carolyn or Rod, please email sms.project@minedu.govt.nz. Please note, while Carolyn or Rod are happy to visit schools in person, we will always ask you to invite other local schools as well. Please consider whether Carolyn or Rod can attend an existing regional or cluster meeting when you ask for their assistance.

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Online trial enhancing learning

Caregivers will be able to read their child's reports, update contact details and give permissions online under an innovative trial beginning in June and rolling out to pilot schools in November.

The trial will enable caregivers to access their child's information with a website password and login with updates communicated back to the school's student management system.

The Ministry has selected software vendors MUSAC and Dataview (with their KnowledgeNET product) to develop the technology for the trial.

eReturns pilot

In April many schools were able to trial a new feature in their Student Management System that enabled them to return their .moe file electronically.

83 schools managed to send their .moe file successfully and most found it extremely easy to do.

In July most schools using an accredited SMS (except Integris schools) will be able to try out this new feature. For now you'll still need to do a paper return as well but these pilots are an important first step to automating roll returns. For more details [click here](#).

HE WAKA EKE NOA 2006

'A canoe everyone may embark upon'

"Absolutely awesome – thanks for the learning!" This is what one enthusiastic delegate to He Waka Eke Noa had to say about the three day conference held in Rotorua on April 18-20th. Held annually, HWEN gives indigenous educators from all sectors have the opportunity to learn about the authentic integration of ICT's into the Maori kaupapa of teaching and learning. [Read more.](#)

KidsCongress™ chalks up another success in Christchurch

Yet another successful KidsCongress™, has been and gone, this time in Christchurch at the Airforce Museum.

Three hundred and ten primary and intermediate students from 52 schools around the South Island descended on

Wigram Airforce Museum on May 18th and 19th for two days of action-packed learning with ICTs. [Read more.](#)

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DiscoverySchool.com and more

Here's a great site for getting multimedia tools for teaching resources. [DiscoverySchool.com](#) offers teachers of all subjects an array of powerful tools that lets educators create their own materials. You'll find lessons plans, teaching tools and a host of other helpful tools.

And for those who just can't get enough of the techie world, try:

A great site for keeping up with the coolest of the cool. It features a menu bar on the top right corner of the page that reads Select Tag – allowing you to pick a topic you want to read more about, be it cellphones, digital cameras, laptops, etc.

www.gizmodo.com

Massachusetts Institute of Technology's website boast it is an offshoot of the oldest technology magazine in the world (est. 1899), *Technology Review*, another great site for innovative technology.

www.technologyreview.com

International news: Beijing schools using mobile phone screening devices

Beijing Municipal Education Department says that it will install mobile phone screening devices during this year's college entrance examination and senior high school entrance examination in order to prevent illegal transmission of answers through mobile phones. [Read more.](#)



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