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**committee**

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# Newsletter

September 2014

Welcome,

At election time when politicians are listening we have been talking to them about education. There is an update on the latest education developments on the next page.

- What else is important for your family?
- What would make a real difference to you?

The NESE committee is hosting a public meeting for candidates on Tuesday 9th September. It's your chance to see who you relate to. You can hide in the crowd or choose to ask the candidates your own questions. Chris Lynch is the MC so it will be an entertaining evening. We hope you can come.

An advertising poster is on the last page of the newsletter. Could you please help us promote the event by printing it and displaying it at a shop, school or work place? Thanks in advance for helping us promote this event.

We are still a very active group. Check out our Annual Report on our website which details last year's activities.

Kind regards  
Amanda

## Meet the Candidates

**7.30pm Tuesday 9 September**

MC - Chris Lynch –

Secondary Education &  
Rebuilding Stronger Communities

Ask your questions

All welcome.

Be informed and entertained before  
you vote.

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## Education Opportunities

- Secondary School Cross Network Access
- Digital Devices in Schools

Exciting new education projects are being developed on the East side of Christchurch. The MOE asked if NESE would be involved. These include:-

1) Implementation of cross network access to secondary education with secondary students participating at more than one secondary school. Students will have the option to enrol at one secondary school and be able to access curriculum subjects across all schools.

2) Implementation of a community lead programme that enables students to have their own digital devices and to access the school wireless network directly from their homes.

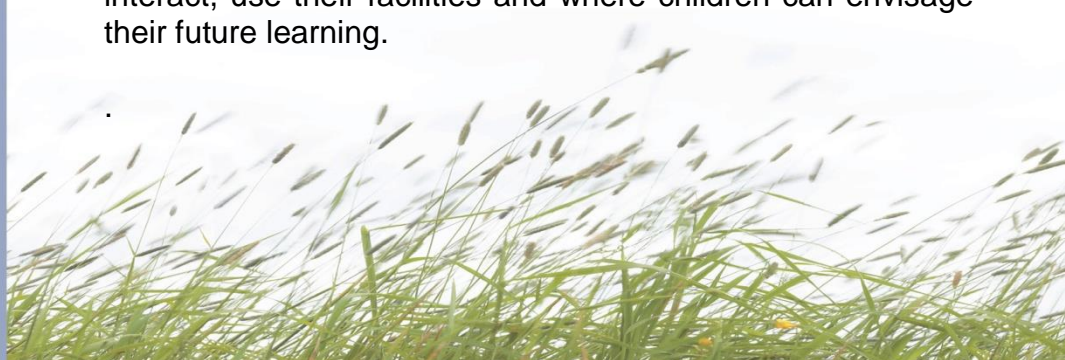
## Avonside Girls' & Shirley Boys' New School Site

The Ministry of Education advises they have identified a number of possible sites suitable for locating these two schools together. They expect to present options to the Board of Trustees of both schools shortly. The options will be evaluated by the schools. A committee including representatives from each school will decide the final location.

## Younger Children

Participation in Early Childhood Education (ECE) is linked to better performance at school. The move to locate early learning facilities on school sites will aid the visual presence of early childhood education and encourage participation. For NESE the most exciting benefit from this is that these children will find the transition from early childhood education to primary school so much easier.

NESE has been pushing to have the transition between primary and secondary schools more visual. We are aiming for local secondary schooling where primary schools will interact, use their facilities and where children can envisage their future learning.



## NESE's Key Messages

- Planning for secondary education in North East Christchurch must involve local input to achieve the best long term outcome.
- Easy access to secondary education is a priority for all areas of Christchurch to enable regular student attendance and a high level of student achievement.
- Both co-ed and single sex schooling must remain as viable secondary education options.
- All co-ed secondary schools should be zoned.
- The long term desire of this community is a local high school.
- NESE advocates for school zones and catchments which do not cross arterial roads.
- Primary school zones should fall inside a secondary school zone where possible.
- A clear learning path should be known in each community with every residential area having a clear educational direction for their children.
- Any charter school proposed should only be additional to a strong and comprehensive state education network.
- A local secondary school would stimulate and support the rebuild of our community.

### NESE's Officers

Chairperson	Amanda Williams
Vice Chairperson	Greg Morehouse
Secretary	Angela Wilson
Treasurer	Kerri Rowlands



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