

Brighton Merged School Appointed Board – Newsletter #4

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Dear whānau, parents and caregivers,

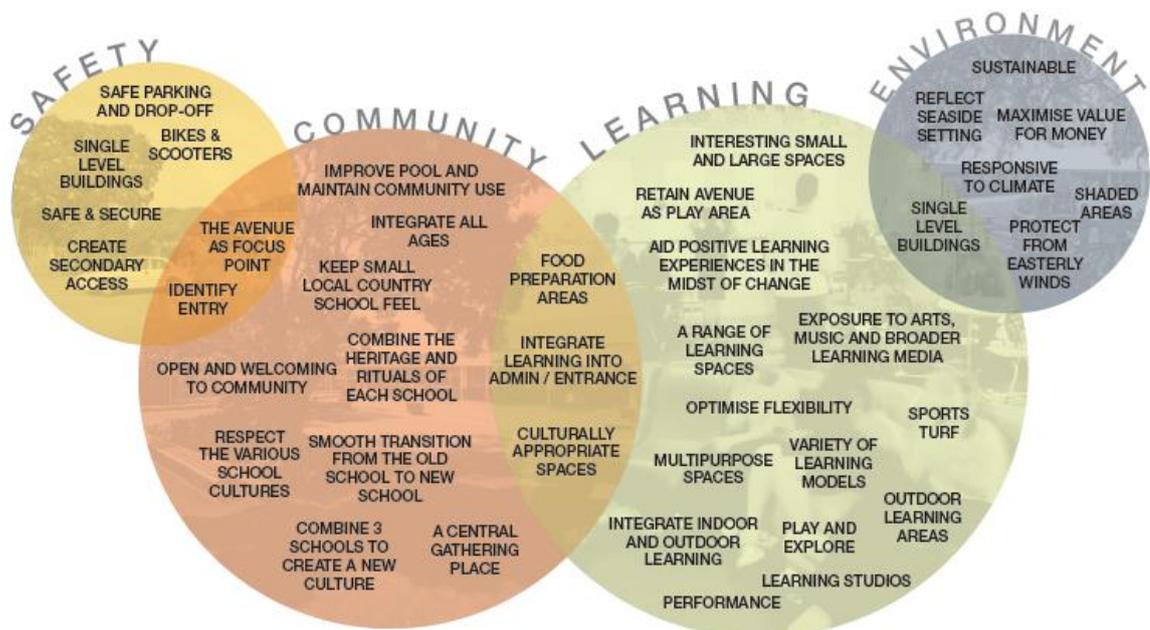
Building Planning update

The involvement of the staff of the three schools is critical in the master planning for the new school. To make sure of this the Ministry of Education and the master planners are meeting with the combined staff after school on Tuesday 8 April, and at a teacher-only-day in May.

The Ministry has approved the three schools to have a teacher-only-day on Monday 5 May. This means Term 2 will begin on Tuesday 6 May for students. You will receive further information on this from your schools.

Feedback from first round of consultation

Following the community consultation on 13 March GHD, the master planners, summarised the view expressed in the following draft diagram:



Site sharing in 2015

The merger proposal from the Ministry of Education was that during 2015 the merged school would be located over two sites – Freeville School and North New Brighton School (NNB). You will be aware that during 2015 the new school will be under construction at NNB.

During consultation with the community on 13 March concern was expressed about the NNB site being used during 2015 while building was in progress. It was suggested that the merged school be on the shared sites of Freeville School and Central New Brighton (CNB) instead.

We have asked the Ministry of Education if this is a feasible option or not, and what would need to be done to change the merger proposal.

When the Board considered this option we thought there would be benefits of using Freeville and CNB sites:

- the children would not be located on a building site with the noise, dust, vibrations and heavy vehicle movements. It would be safer and less disruptive to their learning
- building could occur on a cleared site, probably decreasing the costs and speeding up the building process
- all students would start together in the new buildings at NNB in 2016

This is an option that is being considered at the moment. There would be further discussion with the community before a final decision is made. If you have any feedback about this, or anything else about the merger, please feel free to communicate this to us via your principal.

Principal appointment

The applications for the principal closed over the weekend. The Board will now move to short listing, and then interviewing. It is important that candidates are treated with confidentiality during this process.

We have the assistance of a school principal from outside Christchurch to advise us on educational matters during the appointment process, and we will receive comment from the Māori advisory board, Matauraka Mahaanui. The final decision is made by the Board of Trustees only. The position description and other information about the appointment can be found here <https://sites.google.com/site/brightonmergedschool/principal-appointment>

Appointed Board meetings

Board meetings continue to be held every fortnight. The minutes of these meetings are available on the website once they have been approved at the following meeting. The final meeting for term one will be held at 6.30pm on 10 April at Central New Brighton School. The first meeting of term two is on 8 May.