

Brighton Merged School - Appointed Board of Trustees

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Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/brightonmergedschool/>

Dear whānau, parents and caregivers,

Message from Liz Weir, Principal Designate

Kia Ora Koutou

It was a delight to be a member of the audience at the North New Brighton School Showcase earlier this month. I am a huge supporter of the performing arts and was impressed by the creativity and talent on display. My congratulations to everyone involved – performers, choreographers, costume designers, musicians, teachers and parents. I came away feeling very excited about the possibilities for future productions in our new school.

Since my appointment I have been attending Board of Trustees meetings and have also had an opportunity to meet many of the staff I will be working with in the new school. We are very aware that we have a number of big decisions to make and that some of you will be worried about how these will impact on you and your children. I hope the work plan and timelines that are included with this newsletter will alleviate some of your concerns.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holiday break with your children. I look forward to meeting you in person at the beginning of Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui, Liz Weir

Site sharing in 2015

The Board has sent a request to the Ministry of Education for the two sites for the school in 2015 to be Freeville School and Central New Brighton School. We are awaiting a response and should receive this before Term 3.

The decision about how the classes, students and teachers will be allocated across the two sites will be made in Term 3. Whichever sites are used in 2015 there is no guarantee that students will remain on their current 2014 school site.

The Ministry has committed to providing transport between the two sites to assist with minimising the disruption caused by this split site.

If you have any further feedback, comments or questions about this please feed these back through your principal.

Bilingual unit

As you will be aware there is currently a bilingual unit at Freeville School. The Board intends that this unit will continue at the merged school. We would like to know if whānau who have children at North New Brighton and Central New Brighton Schools this year may be considering moving them to the bilingual unit. We are not asking you to make a decision at this stage – we just want to assess possible demand for the unit to help with our planning. There will be an information evening planned in Term Three about bilingual education. If this is the case, can you please express your interest via the following online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_ZCBCEKY-GBaoq0WCjM5lrnq4L3s52Uepnt3RxGFzrw/viewform

– or return the following slip to your school office - by Tuesday 22 July.



To Brighton Merged School Board: We wish to express our interest in the **bilingual unit** for our child/children in 2015

Child/children's name/s _____ Current Year Level _____

Contact details (name and phone number): _____

What day of the week would you be available to attend an information evening about bilingual education?

Naming our school

Thank you all very much for the ideas that you shared for the name of our new school. There were some wonderful names and explanations provided. Many of the ideas had a lot in common. We are researching some of the suggestions further, and expect that a name will be announced early in Term 3.

Timeframes for tasks and decisions to prepare for the new school

The Board have produced a document that outlines the timeframe for major decisions and tasks as we prepare for the opening of our new school. This is available on our website, under the 'Community Consultation' tab. Please note these timeframes are approximate and will change and be refined during the rest of the year. We will update this work plan regularly.

A summarised version of this work plan is below:

BRIGHTON MERGED SCHOOL - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - WORK PLAN AND TIMELINES 2014 – as at 22 June							
Month	School name	Vision Charter and policies	Uniform	Staffing plan and appointments	Site sharing decision	Property development	Enrolment Scheme
June	Receive suggestions from Ngai Tūāhuriri. Board send preferred name to MoE	Operational policies discussed and approved	Interim uniform for 2015 decided	MoE advised that for 2015 to plan for roll of 593 and 27.9 FTTE teachers	Advise MoE of preference for Freeville and CNB as shared sites	GHD final report on master plan considered by Board MoE evaluate RFPs and select preferred contractor. Contractor appointed by MoE	Ministry led discussion with Brighton Merged School and other local schools
July	Announce name	Refine the emerging vision		Principal designate starts		Preliminary design stage: Board provides feedback on preliminary design options	
August	Branding and logo development	Transitional policies discussed and approved		Staffing plan approved by Board	Decision on how 2 sites are organised for 2015	Preliminary design approval to proceed to developed design stage	
Sept.		Charter developed and Approved		Staff appointments		Developed design stage: Board provides feedback on preliminary design options Approval required to proceed to Detailed Design Stage. From this point, there are limited options for significant design changes.	
Oct.				Unfilled positions advertised		Detailed design: input required from Board on finishes schedule and cosmetic aspects.	
Nov.		Governance Manual for Board developed		Final staffing decisions made			
Dec.						Submit building consent (4weeks statutory timeframe for approval) Documentation and final budget review and sign off from Ministry.	
2015		Reaffirm Charter by 1 March	Consult on the new school uniform 2016			Site works begin, demolition commences Meetings will be ongoing through the construction period.	