

Rāwhiti School - Appointed Board of Trustees

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Dear whānau, parents and caregivers

New school building opening in 2016

At the community meeting on 6 November Liz Weir, principal, and John Sofo, architect, explained the background behind the design for the new school. Hawkins, the building company and the Ministry of Education added information about the building schedule and the landscaping. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended this meeting. Your feedback, questions and suggestions were very much appreciated and provide valuable information to assist us with decision making as we enter the detailed design phase of the project.

The updated site plan will be on our website next week. You will notice that the design has evolved from that which was presented previously in May; the reasons for this will also be on the website.

For those who were unable to attend the community meeting last Thursday Liz will repeat her presentation on Friday November 28th at 9.30am in the Learning Studio at Freeville School. Please email jan@freeville.school.nz if you wish to attend. Morning tea will be provided.



Staffing

We are pleased to be able to confirm the permanent teaching appointments for Rāwhiti School.

Beach Base 2015: Helen Parata (DP), Tania Luke (Team Leader), Elizabeth Kazmierczak, Rachel Bourke, Wayne McQueen, Sue Vaughan, Nigel Stewart and Kathy Lumley. Cheryl Nuthall, our Executive Officer, will be in the office at the Beach Base.

QE2 Base: Paul Wilkinson (DP), Nicole Cunningham (Team Leader), Anne Westwood, Sue Tait, Lisa Handley, Bev McTaggart, Rosalie Sprosen, Teresa Price, Sharon Robertson, Andrew Redmond, Nicole Johnston, Smruti Pavlov, Clare Byers and Iris Derham. Jan Brennan will be the Office Manager. Lauren McDonnell, our Learning Support Coordinator, will work across both sites.

We have a Year 7/8 Team Leader, a Bilingual Unit Team Leader and two teaching positions to appoint and hope to have this process completed by the end of next week.

Buses in 2015

You will be aware by now that the Ministry of Education is funding buses to connect our two sites in 2015. This is to ensure that there is no disadvantage to the families who will have children on both the Beach Base and the QE2 base in 2015, and to acknowledge that some children will be travelling further to school than they currently do. This service will operate before and after school.

We are suggesting a connecting route as shown below, with collection on both side of Keyes Road at the mid way point.

Whether there will be two buses travelling in opposite directions or a single bus doing a return trip is dependent upon numbers. To be able to decide this, and determine the size of the bus required, we need to know how many families will use the bus.

Next week we will conduct a survey asking you to indicate your intended use of the bus service. Information submitted will be used to determine the number of buses required and the exact bus timetable. Responding to this survey is indicative and in no way commits you to using the bus service on a daily basis.

