



HATAITAI SCHOOL

18 February 2022

Dear Whanau

This week we have had the joy of beautiful weather which has enabled the classes to hold many lessons outside.

Last evening, we held our first Board of Trustees meeting for the year. Due to Covid-19 recent developments we held the meeting online.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Property

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

Well with all the scaffolding and demolition works underway, the work to Block E is progressing at a fast pace and currently tracking to programme.

What isn't very obvious is the huge amount of work going on inside as wall and ceiling linings are removed in preparation for the new layout.

Attached are some photos showing the extent of the interior works:



Photo 1 – Looking from Raumati through to Kauwhanga (double classroom) which looks out to Hohiria Road



Photo 2 – This was Takurua which is on the corner of Hohiria and Arawa Roads



Photo 3 – looking from Raumati through to Nga Huru

Work will continue with the exterior scaffold over the next couple of weeks in preparation for wrapping to allow the builder to begin the removal of the roof.

With Wellington's wet and windy weather, the wrapping of the building will enable the builder to continue working to ensure the programme is kept on track.

HATAITAI SCHOOL CENTENARY

Sadly, the Board moved and accepted the motion that the Hataitai School Centenary is cancelled. Many years and hours of planning has gone into this event but given the present Covid-19 circumstances, we believe that we cannot proceed as we had hoped we would in April. For many many people this will be very disappointing news.

Our heartfelt thanks to John Meeswen who successfully chaired the committee over 2 years, Frances Le Fort who has been the main alumnae contact person, Emma Hay who has taken responsibility for communications and other members - Carol Woodbridge and Lesley Knight, Jennifer Kim and Kelly Davies. Over the time we have enjoyed listening to many stories from alumnae (which have all been recorded), reading artefacts, collecting memorabilia and some art pieces.

In early 2023 we plan to have all these displayed at the opening of the original block.

COVID-19 UPDATE

MASKS - we are running very low and the Ministry order has not arrived yet. Please ensure your children come to school well equipped with extra masks - particularly now in the current situation where the case numbers are growing rapidly.

Thank you to a family who have donated a box to the school.

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS - preparing for Staff Absences/Notification to the Principal

At the beginning of next week families will receive an information page and flow chart outlining our response plan in the case of many staff absences.

If our school is affected by a positive confirmed case, we will notify you immediately.

Covid-19: In the remote event of your child and/or a family member contacting the virus you are requested to inform me directly. This is very important as there are set Ministry of Education procedures which we must follow. All information will be treated confidentially.

My cell number is - **021 790 075**. I am contactable at any time.

Should you want to email me directly my email is: principal@hataitai.school.nz

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us as soon as possible so that solutions can be made quickly and easily.

SCHOOL OFFICE

If you need to make contact with the school office, please ring Melissa or Annabel on **04 386 1510** and one of them will assist you. If you need to come into the office please do so by the Arawa Road entrance and walk down, around the staffroom towards the front steps. Masks must be worn and scanning completed at all times. Without proof of full vaccination, adults cannot not enter any classrooms at the Red traffic light setting.

WALKING BUS

If your child is keen to join a walking bus - please take this opportunity and contact Lucy - email: lucyhickman28@gmail.com or Lizzie - email: lizzie.thorn@live.com directly.

Reminder: If anyone else is keen to be part of this initiative please contact Judith Douglas judith.douglas@hataitai.school.nz who will make initial contact with you.

Take care

Jacinta Simpson
PRINCIPAL

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