

# Board Talk

NOVEMBER 2023



## Kia ora, Welcome to our Board Talk for Term 4.

We are now half way through a busy last term as always, filled with lots of school wide activities including the recent athletics day and cross country.

The Board was extremely impressed with the Toki syndicate's school production at the end of last term. It was obvious from the polished performance that all staff and students had put in a huge effort. It was great to see the delight in the performers' faces, and the smiles on the proud whānau in the audience.

We were particularly pleased with the new AV equipment in the hall which has been a recent purchase, allowing the production to incorporate the screens into the performance really well. Well done to all involved!

Lastly, the Board congratulates all of our Year 6 students who will be graduating at the end of the Term. We wish all our leavers the very best as they start their next journey at intermediate school.

# 1 Principal Travelling Fellowship award

The Board are proud to announce that Moira Blair has been awarded the ASB/ APPA Travelling Fellowship for 2024.

This is a prestigious award with only two fellowships being granted to principals in the Auckland and/or Tai Tokerau area each year.

The award allows a principal leave for one term to undertake a research project and present their findings in a range of ways including a presentation to alumni of the fellowship. Copies of the report go to a variety of recipients including university libraries, the Ministry of Education, the Minister of Education and other interested parties. The travelling aspect allows the recipient to travel

overseas to visit education institutions as part of this research. It is also an opportunity for the recipient to reflect and refresh over a sustained period of leave.

The Board was proud to support Miss Blair with her application and congratulate her on the award.

Miss Blair will be taking the fellowship in term two of 2024. We will provide further details about the roles of Mr Waller and Ms Eka closer to the time.



## 2 2024-2026 Strategic Plan for Three Kings School

Thank you to those parents who completed the survey and provided feedback for our new strategic plan

Some of the comments included:

1. In relation to our equity goal, considering how best to serve our gifted and talented students, as well as our neurodiverse students;
2. Overall positive feedback about our Three Kings community and that this was generally seen as a strength of the school;
3. That our parents want to be kept updated and informed about the New Zealand curriculum refresh that is currently underway.

We will be speaking to our teachers and students about the new plan and our goals next – and will have the new plan in play for 2024.

## 3 Property Update

Since the beginning of the year, several property projects have been undertaken around our school most of which have had Board funding contributions.

- Ⓐ Transition Room Renovation
- Ⓑ Traffic Safety
- Ⓒ Tree Maintenance
- Ⓓ School Pool Updates

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## 3 Property Update

### Ⓐ Transition Room Renovation

The biggest and most exciting project that has been undertaken this year is the renovation of our transition room. Commencing in July, the walls demarcating our previous rooms 11, 12 and 13, as well as the teacher's resource space, were demolished, and the contractors have been working hard over the last three months to transform the space into a fabulous new transition block. The space now has three distinct areas, which can be separated to allow for more than one 'classroom' to be within the space at one time.

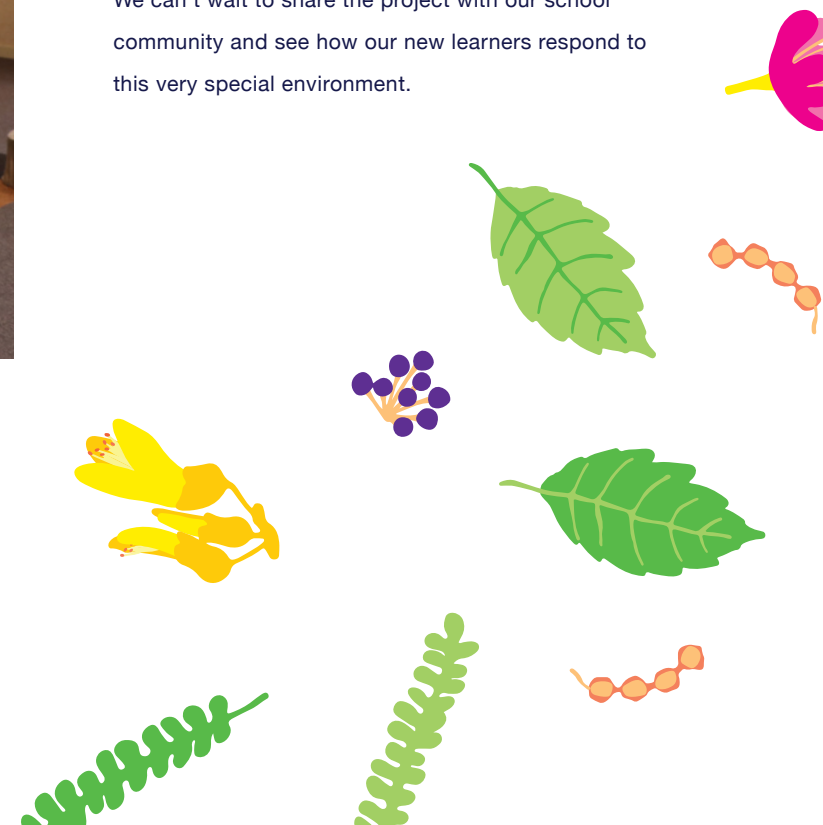


Te Tātua o Rakataura / Blessing of refurbished space

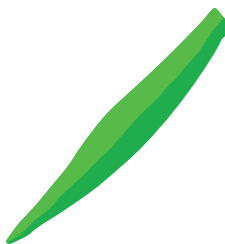


The overall design and use of colours is inspired by our history and sense of place – think hills, volcanic rock and kumara pits. There are multiple zones within the teaching spaces themselves with customised seating nooks for reading, break out or gathering the class together. The space makes good use of the existing windows with an abundance of natural light flooding the room throughout the day.

We can't wait to share the project with our school community and see how our new learners respond to this very special environment.







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### ⓑ Traffic Safety

We have recently engaged with Auckland Transport (AT) & Travelwise (the school-based programme that aims to improve road safety & achieve a reduction in the number of vehicles driving to and from school at peak times.)

Our current focus is increasing road safety on St Andrews Road.

After a successful site visit in the second week of term four by an AT Traffic Engineering team, we have progressed the planning of a raised crossing where the existing level pedestrian crossing is situated, with the goal of slowing traffic coming from both directions.

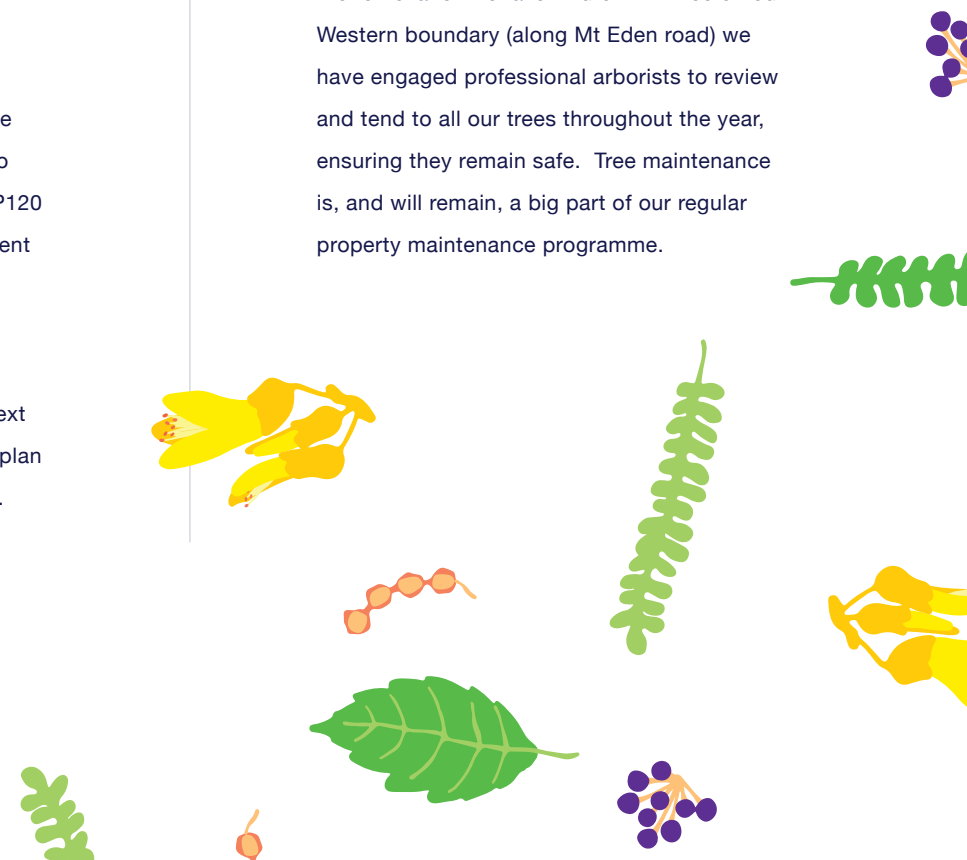
The plan includes the provision of “Stayput” crossing signs. These are signs permanently stationed at the crossing and secured to the site. Once in place there will no longer be the need for our students to carry the signs backwards and forwards to the school storage site.

To enable greater access for parents visiting the school throughout the school day, we have also requested more P15 spaces & the addition of P120 spaces amongst the 24 available spaces adjacent the school on St. Andrews Road.

The proposal is now with AT and will be going out to public consultation for approval in the next budget round in 2024. We are hopeful that the plan will be implemented by the middle of next year.

### ⓒ Tree Maintenance

Our established trees are a beautiful asset to our Three Kings school environment, however they received a bit of a beating with Auckland’s weather events earlier in the year. Along with the removal of the fallen Dutch Elm tree on our Western boundary (along Mt Eden road) we have engaged professional arborists to review and tend to all our trees throughout the year, ensuring they remain safe. Tree maintenance is, and will remain, a big part of our regular property maintenance programme.





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### ④ School Pool

Our school pool has also received several upgrades over the last few months.

Ceiling fans have been installed to allow better circulation of the air inside, reducing condensation, particularly in the cooler months. The pool cover has also been upgraded and new slip mats have been installed to ensure our children are safe walking around the outside of the pool.

Finally, the original plaque presented to the pool when it was first opened in 1964 has been restored, preserving a precious piece of our school history.



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