



Te Waitai Sefton School Playground project



Remove the old sandpit and reduce the playground to align with the end of the sandpit and removing most of the trees on the fence line might allow enough space to have a swing structure placed here – but will need to check measurements and playground safety standards once we know the exact measurements when things have been removed, and what will be needed for the path to the 2 new classrooms.



Remove the old sandpit and reduce the playground to align with the end of the sandpit to allow space for a footpath for the proposed 2 new classrooms to be built - New sandpit design



Junior playground- proposed that we fix some of the wooden platforms repaint the metal work which will give it a refresh and ensure it can be used for many more years. The students use this playground well and still seems to be fit for purpose.
Quote for this work is \$50 598.00 +gst and will need to be done by a company that is certified to work on playgrounds.



Trees on the fence line will be removed to allow space for the 2 new classrooms. Possibility of keeping 1 tree that is allowing for a swing to be hung. Talking to the students a swing is something high on their agenda to be added to the playground thinking.



Proposed space to clear and build the new sandpit. An idea for new sandpit design attached. We could look at community input in getting this done, as this is not a playground structure that needs to comply with playground regulations, so could tap into our community resources to achieve this part of the plan.

New Sandpit design:

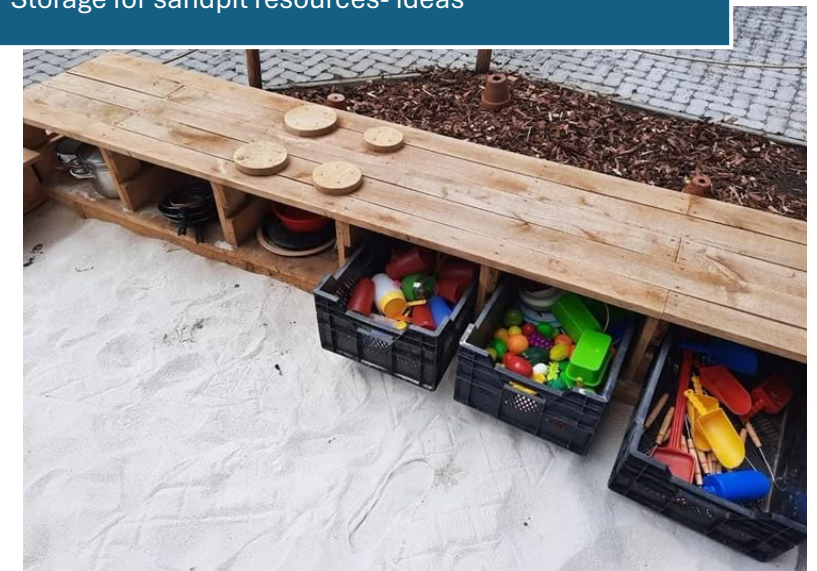
- Collect rainwater off the roof of the Dental Clinic into an IBC tank that will be placed on a platform and secured. Will need to connect piping to the down pipe and across to the sandpit overhead of the pathway.
- Look at a tap or valve for the students to use water in their sandpit play.
- To help soften and hide the tank we could look at creating wood panels or a low fence that reflects Maukatere/ Mt Grey as a nod to our cultural narrative.
- Concrete on one side which could lend to a space to permanently create a carpentry space with wood storage and a small tool cupboard for the future.
- On the other side create sandpit toy storage where the lid can be pinned against the panels when the box is open and in use.
- With removing the trees on the fence line, we could create a seat for the students to use in the sandpit.
- Use of logs to make the edge and create a natural obstacle course at the same time
- Use of rocks for some variety for edging
- Will require us to look at gaining a quote for shade and a sandpit cover to keep cats out of the play space.



Edging for sandpit- use of logs at different heights to add interest and challenge



Storage for sandpit resources- ideas



Senior playground- Currently not well used or loved by students and in need of some redevelopment.

Observation and discussion show the upper body challenges are too great and therefore students do not engage with the equipment.

Many of the equipment are starting to fail and is no longer fit for purpose and it is suggested we remove and start a fresh in this space.

We could look at selling some of the playground to help with the fundraising efforts.

Talking with room 3 students who shared their ideas on what is needed what stood out was the following:

- They would like height,
- swings, something that helps their vestibular development (spinning)
- a large slide,
- obstacle course
- monkey bars
- climbing net
- needs to reflect our rural community
- be natural

Students like the Grotto

Current swing not great and causing some injuries

Wobble boards hardly used by students



Grotto- since some of the planting has been trimmed and cleared away it has become a grotto, and students have enjoyed being in this space- could we build on this and maybe create some natural hut building or add po for slacklines or hammocks? Maybe a space to incorporate another swing structure?

Senior playground: One idea is to create a rope/ log/ tyre playground, and we were gifted the plans for such a playground from Pegasus Bay School. Please feel free if you are in Pegasus over weekends or after school to go have a look and get your child to have a play so they can share their thoughts with us on if this is a direction we should take for this playground. This playground is possibly larger than what we need, considering Pegasus Bay school is a larger school to us, so it would be good to know what parts or aspects of the playground the students really enjoy and love and what we maybe could take out of the plan. Quote (for similar playground to Pegasus school- so could reduce this by making it smaller) is \$110 000.00 +gst. This will need to be done by a playground specialist.

Considering what the students highlighted in their designs ... the rope/log/ tyre design does tick many of the boxes.



Netball/ basketball court- the school has been looking into redoing this as had advice that the court is coming to the end of its life.

Possible solutions:

Look at replacing the court with artificial turf been Quoted \$93 000 + GST to have this laid. Replace the backboards and posts.

or

Look at redoing the court in asphalt estimated cost \$40 000. Replace the back boards and posts.



Whanau, community, students and teachers:

Please share with us your thoughts, ideas, or should we consider anything else in this project, we would love to hear from you.

Please share where you see the priority being in where we should start or focus funds and energy first and then move on to (each area is colour coded to how we possibly could approach the projects. Dark Green/ teal is sandpit, Orange is junior playground, Light Green is Senior playground and Purple is the court)

Please use the sticky notes to add your voice to this project before it is finalised and approved by the BOT