



# West Park School

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Kia ora West Park School Community,

Given we're already in the second half of the term, I thought it was time for me to provide you with an update on what the Board has been working on behind the scenes at the school.

## **COVID-19**

The Board heard from a couple of students at one of our meetings after lock down, about their distance learning experience. It was great to hear the stories from these students about their interactions with their teachers and classmates during lock down, and they gave us some great ideas about some activities that could continue back in the classroom environment.

The school continues to be prepared for whatever happens with the change in alert levels. The teaching staff are ready to move to distance learning at short notice, and have the tools and processes in place to make the transition as easy as possible for the children. I'm sure you will agree that the communication from the school, and in particular Luis, has been very informative and timely.

## **Property News**

I'm happy to be able to finally bring you some good news in this property update! Rooms 3-6 are getting very close to completion, with the classrooms expected to be all set up and ready for use after the upcoming school holidays. I was lucky enough to get a sneak peak at the space last week, and the rooms are looking so good! The kids will have a lovely space to learn in during the final term of the year.

We have got consent and signed contracts, so that work can now begin on our school library! It's taken a long time to get to this point, so it will be really exciting to see the library space taking shape as the builders start work over the coming weeks.

## **School Charter**

One of the many school events that we were going to run this year, but have not been able to because of COVID-19, is the information session on the school charter. In my last newsletter I attached the charter for your information (you'll also find it on our website).

Next term we begin our review of the charter, to ensure we are still focusing on the areas that are most important to our students, our teaching staff and to you, our community. We will be running a community survey early in term 4 to collect your views on what our priorities should be. Therefore, we have decided to run the charter information session in term 1 next year, once we have completed the review and refreshed the charter.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about what we currently have in the charter, please feel free to discuss these with one of the board members or email [board@westpark.school.nz](mailto:board@westpark.school.nz)

## **Home and School**

You will have seen the messages from our Home and School Committee about their latest fundraiser. This fabulous group of parents have been busy planning a West Park School Cook Book, and have collected some great recipes from families. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a recipe for this book.



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You can show your support for this fundraiser by buying one of the cook books when they go on sale next term. The proceeds will be put towards creating a play area at the end of the junior block, along the fence line behind room 2.

## **Final Comments**

Our next Board meeting is being held on Monday 21 September in Rooms 14 and 15 at 6pm. You are welcome to attend and observe this meeting. Please email [board@westpark.school.nz](mailto:board@westpark.school.nz) prior to the meeting and we'll send you a copy of the meeting agenda.

As we head towards term 4, I want to end this update by saying a massive thank you to the support staff, teacher aides, teachers and leadership team. It's been a bit of a crazy year with all the building work and COVID, and the staff have been resilient and continued to create a wonderful learning environment for our children.

Ngā mihi nui

Nat (Natalie Henry)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees