



West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

Every student matters, every moment counts.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Earlier this week the Minister announced that we would be staying at Alert Level 2 for a wee while longer, with the hope of a shift to Level 1 next week – all going well.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, primarily by ensuring you are registering your presence whilst on school grounds, and by keeping your child at home if they are ill.

The term has been a very positive one and it has been wonderful seeing classroom programmes return to their usual form.

This week saw our newly remodelled and refurbished rooms 5 and 6 open, allowing rooms 5 and 6 students and staff to move in. Rooms 3 and 4 will also come into operation during the next couple of school days. This is very exciting for all concerned. An additional and much anticipated outcome is the fact that we will again be able to use the hall for a range of activities including, Kapa Haka, sports, Kelly Club, assemblies, and more. The reshuffle of rooms also means that staff will soon regain the school staffroom as a place for their breaks and meetings.

We should all thank and celebrate our wonderful staff for their flexibility and positive attitude throughout the term.

Foundation works to our new library building commenced this week, again very exciting, as it has been a long and slow process to get to this point. The building is scheduled to be completed mid to late term 4.

One final piece of extremely exciting news is that the Ministry have confirmed that West Park School will be receiving two additional teaching spaces during the first half of 2021. This is a wonderful piece of news as it will in many ways future-proof our school for many years to come. Amongst a number of things, it means that we will no longer need to use our staffroom or hall as classroom teaching spaces, and all our extra curricula activities will be able to carry on. A shortage of space has been something that we as a school have struggled with for several years, the new teaching spaces will ensure that we no longer have to struggle as we have in the past.

I hope you all have a wonderful upcoming school break, and that we all use the time as an opportunity to recharge.

Kind regards

Luis Echegaray
Principal