



Tātai ki te rangi

BOARD NEWS JULY 2016

HE WAKA EKE NOA -

all together, one canoe, no exception

It's hard to believe it's July already - More than half way through the year, the shortest day behind us and term two done and dusted.

There is a lot to discuss in this Board News but firstly, we wanted to **thank all our amazing staff** for all of the wonderful opportunities for learning and growth that you have provided this term from pyjama days to book launches, from cross country to swimming carnivals, from discovery time to visits from Zealandia staff, from trips to the Marine Reserve to Otari Bush.

Our children enjoy an exciting and varied curriculum. A lot of planning and preparation goes into making Khandallah such a fantastic place to live and learn - so thank you to our teachers and support staff for everything you have done this term; supporting our children through the long wet days, wet playtimes and coughs and cold.

Enjoy your break - you've certainly earned it!

Goodbye and Thanks - We want to extend a warm farewell and best wishes to the staff who are leaving Khandallah School today.

Jonny Thompson has been at Khandallah School for nearly three years. His enthusiasm for teaching, sense of fun and unrivalled skills in IT will be missed by children, staff and whanau alike. Good luck on your next adventure Jonny.

Melissa Miles has been with us for nearly ten years. Her commitment, love of the environment and her camaraderie will leave a big hole in the Matai syndicate and the school. Wishing you all the best as you head off into the sunset (quite literally) Melissa. Here's betting you won't miss the wet, Khandallah winters.

Lorraine Rose has worked in our office for nearly two years. She has greeted and welcomed our new families, nursed our ill and injured children and answered all the crazy questions that only get asked of those working in schools! Thank you Lorraine for all the support you have given Trevor, our teachers, our community and the Board. Wishing you all the best in your new school.

Roll Growth - In order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the Board of Khandallah School (in consultation with the MOE) is investigating the adoption of an enrolment scheme (you are more likely to know the term 'school zone' or 'enrolment zone'). Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the proposed home zone.

We are still firmly in the planning and gathering information stage of this process, part of which involves consultation with the Principals and Board Chairs from our neighbouring schools.

While the proposed zone is likely to affect future enrolments, all children currently attending Khandallah School will continue to have the right to do so for the duration of their school career.

We appreciate that there will be some anxiety around the introduction of an enrolment zone and we are committed to sharing as much information as we can at each stage of the process.



Kaukau Block (D Block Development)

We have reached an exciting point in the planning and development process for D Blocks replacement - the provisionally titled Kaukau Block.

As part of the Master Plan, four possible sites were identified (as seen in image 1) Our preferred

option is shown in image 2. The Masterplan is going to a MOE appointed design review panel on July 25th and we will have a decision and go-ahead around two weeks after that. We look forward to sharing more news when we can

KiVa in the press - Yesterday, in his newsletter, Trevor shared a link to an article featured on the Huffington Post news site. It was a very positive piece about the KiVa programme and its conception in Finland. In the article it stated:

By asking the kids what they would do in certain situations and giving feedback and advice about it, the program can help teach the students to be more empathetic and supportive of bullying victims. And the data shows that the program works too.

Juvonen's analysis found that KiVa reduced the odds of a given student being bullied by about one-third to one-half.

That's huge. And not only that, but early data shows that the program might also help reduce depression and increase self-esteem for kids who have already been bullied.

We are lucky enough to be one of the first schools in NZ to have the programme running in our school. Thanks to Trevor and his lead team for getting us involved and for blazing this trail for our children.