



Tātai ki te rangi

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Kia ora koutou

It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of the second term and about to break ground in the LONG awaited new development. We're in for some really exciting times for the remainder of 2017.

ERO

You will be aware that the Education Review Office visited our school last week. It's always really helpful to see our school through the eyes of the ERO team and to share with them the values and visions that drive our teaching, learning and planning.

While the official report won't be available for some time – there's a long bureaucratic process to go through at ERO's end – we wanted to share some of the key emergent findings that were fed back to the Board and the School's Lead Team.

The team started by saying that our school has 'strong leadership and a committed and hardworking staff'. What a great opening statement!

They spoke about the 'effective collaboration' they see across the school, from the teachers in their hubs and the 'positive role modelling' this shows to our children.

The comment that most heartened the board was that our school puts 'children at the heart of all decision making'. Getting ready for any external review is demanding and it's easy to get caught up in the excitement. However, what we have seen, heard and scrutinised in our Board meetings gave us well placed confidence in the collaborative, cooperative, child focused and values driven teaching, learning and assessment happening across our school. Meaning that the Board went into last week feeling proud rather than apprehensive.

The Board really wanted to acknowledge Louise, Fiona, Linda, our Lead Team, our teachers and our support staff for making last week 'just another week' of quality teaching and learning at Khandallah School!

Zoning

The Ministry have let us know that our proposed enrolment zone has been approved and will take effect from Term 4 2017.

While we have known this has been on our horizon for some time, we now have certainty about our 'home zone' boundaries and the timeframes for implementation.

For our children who are already enrolled and attending by the start of term four, life will continue, business as usual.

If you live outside our 'home zone' and have younger children (not yet attending) you will need to pre-enrol those children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and balloting process.

Your child is never too young to pre-enrol, so please let us know about your babies and toddlers, but particularly your preschoolers and get them pre-enrolled as soon as you can.

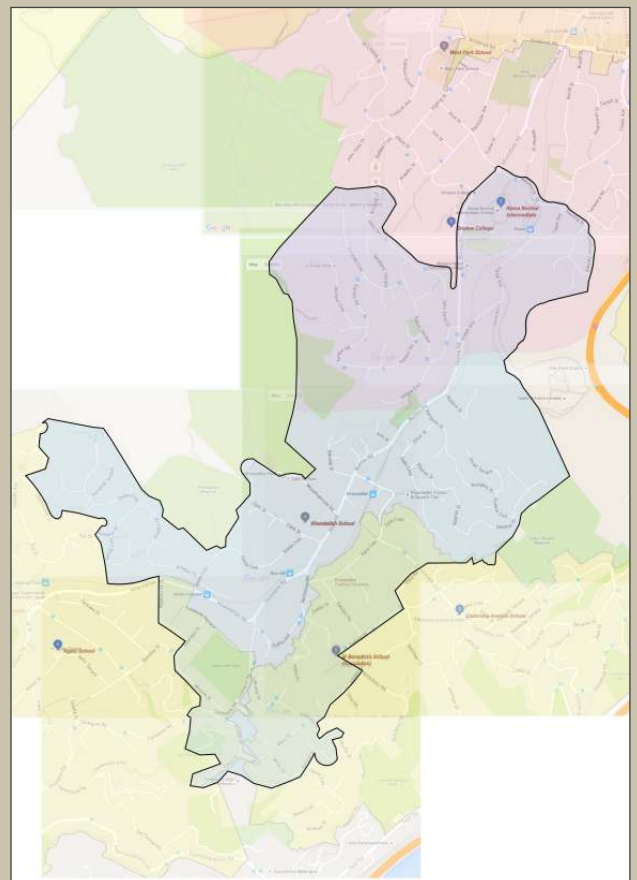
We can't make provisions for children we don't know about!

You can pre-enrol your child by:

- visiting the school office when you're next up and collecting an enrolment pack from Sarah
- visiting the school website and downloading the enrolment form

Thanks in advance for helping us make plans for our future school.

We look forward to moving forward together!



Home and School

We wanted to take a moment to publicly thank our amazing Home and School - who beaver away tirelessly, behind the scenes at all school events. This amazing group of incredible volunteers, sacrifice time with their own families to make sure the rest of us get to eat, drink and be merry!

Apart from the incredible work they do on the fundraising front, our Home and School are at the heart of the manaakitanga that makes our school such a wonderful place to live and learn. Thanks team - we are so lucky to have you!

Getting To and From School in Term 3

You will have received the Board's latest build update (Issue 5) outlining stage 1 of building works that addresses our drop off – pick up area on Clark Street.

Lots of our families make good use of the drop-off - which is why stage one of the building works is focused on getting this right for the remainder of the build.

If you've ever been up at our school in the mornings or afternoons you'll know that parking is at a premium, and that keeping our children safe as they make their way to and from school takes a community effort.

To this end, we've got some requests, reminders and suggestions that we hope will help us.

Please do:

- ensure that children in Kowhai are picked up, by a trusted adult, from their classroom
- only use the crossings patrolled by our children – crossing at ANY OTHER points puts our children at risk and makes the children (and their parents and teachers) who volunteer their time feel disrespected
- walk to school when you can
- park and walk from a point that avoids driving through Clark Street or Woodmancote Road
- use the subway under Boxhill and avoid the Boxhill crossing
- park only in legal parks and not on yellow lines or driveways
- encourage your children to walk with a friend or group of friends or start a walking school bus from your street or surrounding streets
- drive safely avoiding any u-turns, backing (especially into driveways) or other behaviours that our children might find hard to predict
- pre-arrange a place to drop off and meet your child/ren and make sure you're there waiting for them when they arrive
- make a plan with your child/ren about what to do if you're not waiting for them (stuck in traffic etc.)
- have a trusted friend or neighbour (with an agreed password) as an emergency backup
- pass this information on to all adults who bring your children to and from school
- practice walking the new route to and from school as many times as you can during the school holidays!!

Please use the patrolled crossings and model safe behaviour - our children learn by watching what we do!

