



## Board Update: June 2018

### Our new playground need your support

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The new build is progressing well, and we are on track to have the new Kaukau block complete by the 125th anniversary celebration in Labour Weekend (19 and 20 October). With the build so close to completion attention is now also firmly focused on the new playground and surrounding areas.

#### **Developing an awesome playground**

When the new build commenced, the Board of Trustees made a commitment that we would work with the community to have a replacement playground that is better than the one that was removed to make way for the build. We are fully committed to this, as well as ensuring that the school has a safer pedestrian entry on Clark St.

The Board and the Ministry have been working on the new playground (to be situated where the existing D-Block is located) and designs for an improved entranceway on Clark St over the past few months and now we have plans for how this would work and how much it will cost.

#### **A staged approach**

We are planning on creating the playground and redeveloping the Clark St entry in two stages:

##### Stage 1 – by term 1 2019

- Installation of 'off the shelf' designed playground equipment. The focus of this stage is getting a good playground as soon as possible.
- Reworking the existing entranceway at Clark St to improve student and parent safety as well as provide better integration with the existing crossing and path leading to the new playground.

##### Stage 2 – by term 1 2020

Once the 'off the shelf' designed playground equipment is in place, we will have a much clearer idea of the space that we are working with and have time to consult with children and the school community on what additional equipment we would like to install in late 2019/early 2020.

#### **How much will the work cost?**

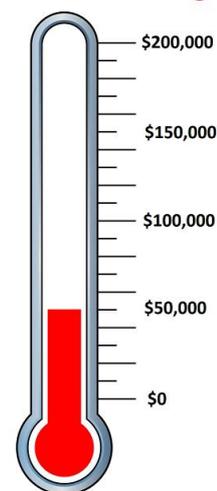
The Ministry of Education will fund part of this work but there is a significant component that the school community needs to contribute. Based on current plans we estimate that the school contribution needs to be \$200,000 over the next two years. This includes \$120,000 for stage 1 that needs to be raised by the end of this year and \$80,000 for stage 2 by the end of 2019.

The Board has put aside \$50,000 to get the ball rolling. While we naturally would have liked to fund more, we must weigh up this cost with others, such as providing additional teachers to enable more targeted student support and smaller class sizes across the school.

This leaves \$150,000 to be raised over the next two years. We are following up a range of potential revenue streams, such as grants, over the coming months and are hopeful of securing around \$30,000, leaving \$120,000 still needing to be raised. We are fortunate to have a committed Home and School Committee to support this fundraising activity.

To track progress towards our goals, over the next few weeks you will see a fundraising thermometer appear around the school and in the newsletter.

### Khandallah School Playground Fundraising Goal



### How can we support the Home and School?

The best way to support the Home and School is to get involved with the various activities that they run each year.

This year's major events include:

- Spring Fling - Friday 17 August
- Kids Kaukau Challenge - Sunday 18 November.

In the short-term there are also a number of smaller fundraising initiatives underway:

- School sausage sizzle on Tuesday 3 July. Each term these sausage sizzles aim to raise around \$1,000.
- Discounted wine from Sileni Estate. Before the end of the school term the Home and School will be emailing parents with a wine deal from Sileni Estate, offering discounted wine ranging from \$10 to \$19. For every bottle of wine sold the Home and School will receive \$3.33 – that's \$40 a case!
- Entertainment Books. The *Entertainment Book*, they offer a range of valuable 2-for-1 and up to 50% off offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels and more in the Wellington Region. Costing \$65 per book (or electronic version), the Home and School receives \$13 per book sold. All you need to do when signing up is go to the entertainment book website ([www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/)) and say that you are supporting Khandallah School.

Some of the local deals are listed below:

- KTC: Up to \$35 off
- Cambridge Lounge: Up to \$40 off
- Café Du Park: Up to \$20 off
- Café Villa: Up to \$25 off

And remember to support the other Home and School activities such as the Father's Day Breakfast, Inspire Photography and the School Disco.

The new playground and redevelopment of the Clark St entry will add so much value to our children and community I urge you to get behind this project and show your support wherever possible. As always, if you want to discuss any of the above, please get in touch we me directly or send the board an email at [bot@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:bot@khandallah.school.nz).

**Shaun Twaddle (chair)**

on behalf of the Khandallah School Board of Trustees