



ŌRĀKEI SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou!
Greetings to all!

The following is an update from the Orakei School Board of Trustees in regard to the Enrolment Scheme currently being established at the school.

Background: In November the Ministry of Education officials responsible for Enrolment Zones in Auckland requested a meeting with the then Principal Matthew Crumpton. The Board Chair Wayne Pihema attended the meeting. The Ministry advised they now considered Orakei School as ready to start thinking about a zone and advised the Board to discuss the process. The Board discussed the issue in December and then convened in January specifically to make progress on the issue. The Board was formally directed by the Ministry to begin the process of establishing an Enrolment Zone in February. As part of that process the Board held a consultation meeting for the both the Charter and the Enrolment Scheme on **March 4**.

The key concern raised by parents at the meeting was what it meant for children who would be out-of-zone at the date of implementation of the Zone, but who were already pre-enrolled prior to the meeting. The Board agreed to meet with the Ministry officials and clarify areas of concern raised by parents and that while the Board was compelled to establish the scheme it would work for the best outcomes for as many families as possible who might be affected by the change to zoning. The following are outcomes agreed by the Ministry and Board in writing yesterday:

1. That the Board will hold a further consultation meeting on the Enrolment Scheme on **Thursday April 11 7pm** at Room O1. Feedback from this meeting will be amalgamated with feedback from the earlier meeting which will be presented in writing to the Ministry.
2. That a further community stakeholder meeting will also be held for community groups who have a significant presence in Orakei. This meeting has yet to be calendared, but feedback will be shared with the Ministry.
3. That the Principal will advise neighbouring schools of the change and where necessary Board Chair will join the Principal to meet with the boards of the adjoining schools if any issues are raised.
4. That the Ministry will send to the Board's May meeting (Monday May 13) the Scheme for final approval and adoption by the Board.
5. That in compliance with Sec11 (K)1 of the Education Act the school must commence the Enrolment Scheme three months after it has been approved and adopted formally by the School Board.
6. That the commencement date for the Enrolment Scheme is set for Monday August 12 2019.
7. That out-of-zone children who were accepted as pre-enrolled **before Monday March 11 2019** and who had begun to **transition into** the school through one or more of the following processes (which must be able to be ratified by the school office or evidenced



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by written communication from the Principal) **will be accepted as in-zone** by the Ministry:

- (a) A meeting between parents/parent/caregiver and child with the with the principal as organised by the school office;
 - (b) A familiarisation visit through the school with the Principal as organised by the school office;
 - (c) A class visit by the child and parent/caregiver as organised by the school office.
8. That out-of-zone children who were accepted as pre-enrolled **following Monday March 11 2019** will remain out-of-zone as communications from the school to parents advised of the Enrolment Scheme and confirmed that pre-enrolment did not mean a guarantee of a place in the school.

The Board has worked unrelentingly to gain some flexibility from the Ministry. We do understand that there is still much work to be done in establishing the Scheme. We are also bringing together the Enrolment Scheme officials and the Ministry's Property officials for meetings so we can better co-ordinate the work needed by the Ministry to get more buildings on site to lift the possible number of out-of-zone places available. We will provide a further update on this to you as soon as we can.

The Board looks forward to meeting parents, particularly those who are out of zone and who have pre-enrolled their children, at the **next consultation meeting on Thursday April 11 7pm at Class O1.**

Nga mihi mahana no te Poari o te Kura o Orakei.

Warm regards on behalf of the School Orakei Board of Trustees

Wayne Pihema
Chair.

Michael Earl
Acting Principal