

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's been a busy term with winter sports starting up, the Art exhibition, Rata and Kauri trips to the Zoo, zone sports, and for teachers – mid year assessment and report writing. Reports will be sent home on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> June with parent/teacher interviews scheduled for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### PROPERTY UPDATE: Re-locatable classrooms

The installation of 3 re-locatable classrooms has been in progress since early February 2017. Despite our early consultation with the Ministry of Education, the project has been slow to complete. There have been ongoing efforts by Jo Willmoth and Dave Megson to liaise with the Ministry and its chosen project management team. We are pleased to report that the classrooms seem to be on track for completion by the end of Term 2.

#### Asbestos

There have been some concerns about the asbestos content within these re-located classrooms. Asbestos was widely used in building materials up until the 1980s (and later) to build homes, schools and other structures as well as water and drainage pipes. Finding it is common as is the removal process.

The Ministry's project management team have assured us (repeatedly) that all procedures and processes in place have been followed, and that in fact these exceed national safety requirements.

We'd like to assure you that the exposed structure where work was carried out at the end of the building by the staffroom on 17<sup>th</sup> June is 100% clear and that the contractors have done an excellent job of removal and final clean-up. Meters were used on site to register any contaminants in the area and exposed framing. Work was carried out in the weekend, and the site was checked and cleared on Sunday afternoon. Thomas Civil have monitored and surveyed the site to ensure it is safe. Two board members visited the site on Sunday while the removal of the cladding was taking place and were satisfied that the work carried out and complied with Worksafe guidelines. The new cladding has now been installed.

#### For more information

Additional information about the project is attached to this Board Talk, as well as some links to Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines.

If you have any further concerns, please contact the Board of Trustees.

The classrooms are completely safe for children and staff to use.

### PROPERTY UPDATE: Development of Three Kings School site to allow for roll growth

The Ministry of Education have informed us that they plan to relocate Carlson School to a new site. The existing Carlson site will be scoped and developed to cater for the predicted roll grown to Three Kings School, occurring from the quarry development. As yet we do not have a confirmed date from MoE, but we will keep the community informed with updates as we receive them.

### UPGRADING OUR SYSTEMS

#### School website

We have established a new school website, and will go live at the beginning of Term 3. School notices will continue to be sent by email, although it will now be a link back to the website. We will be working through a number of enhancements which enable us to communicate with you in a more targeted fashion. We also hope to implement an **online payment system** which will reduce the amount of cash / coins being sent with children to school and streamline permission slips. **Syndicate blogs** will be trialled later in the year.

#### Late arrival / early collection

By now a number of you may have already used the new tablet system for registering a late arrival, visitors onsite or early collection for your child. The system is working well, and it provides us with an (instant) electronic record of exactly who is onsite.

#### Sick bay records

We're currently investigating ways to create an electronic record of any sick bay visits by your child. Where necessary, a paper report can be provided but for many of you an emailed report will be received in a more timely fashion if sent directly to you.



# BOARD TALK

## Board of Trustees

### **Megan Mathie** **Chairperson**

2015 – present  
(Business Analyst)  
Portfolio – HR/Personnel/  
Communication /IT

### **Andrew Steele** **Deputy Chairperson**

2010 – present  
(Lawyer)  
Portfolio – Health &  
Safety/HR/Legal

### **Steve Pike**

2004 – present  
(Sergeant NZ Police Dog  
Section)  
Portfolio - Property/Security/  
Maintenance/Personnel

### **Dave Megson**

2004 – present  
(Air NZ Flight Crew)  
Portfolio – Property/Security/  
Maintenance

### **John Wilson**

2015 – present  
(Secondary School Teacher)  
Portfolio – Health and  
Safety/Curriculum

### **Jo Willmoth**

Principal – All subcommittees

### **Steve Sutton**

2013 – present  
(Primary School Teacher)  
Portfolio – Staff Representative

### **Ashlee Clegg**

Secretary – non BOT member

## CONTACT US

Three Kings School  
944 Mt Eden Road  
Three Kings  
Auckland 1024

**Phone:** 09 625 7208

**Email:** [admin@3kings.school.nz](mailto:admin@3kings.school.nz)

**Website:** [www.3kings.school.nz](http://www.3kings.school.nz)

**Board correspondence:**

[boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz](mailto:boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz)

## ART EXHIBITION

Hopefully you were able to come to the hall and see the beautiful artworks created by students during terms 1 and 2.

The exhibition was a wonderful celebration of creativity and individuality. We'd like to express our gratitude to our hard working staff members who go above and beyond with events such as this!

## SCHOOL JUBILEE

We are looking forward to celebrating the school's 140<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in April 2018. We'll be keen to connect with as many past pupils and staff members as we can so that we can invite them to be a part of our celebrations.

If you would like to be a part of a planning committee, please get in touch with us so that we can register your interest:

[boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz](mailto:boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz)

## BOARD CONTACT

Correspondence can be provided to the Board via the school office, or at the following email address:

[boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz](mailto:boardoftrustees@3kings.school.nz)

## STAY WELL!

We've had a pretty mild winter to date, but there are some nasty cold viruses around. Please do keep your children home if they are unwell, which encourages a speedy recovery and prevents the spread of infection to others.

Regards,

Megan Mathie and Three Kings Board of Trustees



# BOARD TALK

June 2017

## Report from Ministry of Education

---

The demolition work in question includes the removal of fibrolite building material from the site, which may contain stable forms of asbestos. This work was being carried out while the school is closed.

Our main priority throughout this project, as with similar projects at other schools and the community, is safety.

Asbestos was widely used in building materials up until the 1980s (and later) to build homes, schools and other structures, as well as water and drainage pipes. Finding it in soil or in old buildings is common, as is the removal process. We are confident we have good procedures and processes in place, which exceed national safety requirements.

This below provides the board, school, parents, staff and community with information so that you can be confident that we are doing everything to ensure the safety of the site now and while the asbestos removal works are being carried out.

This includes:

- Safety measures that are being undertaken
- Frequently asked questions

You can get more information about how the Ministry manages the removal of asbestos on our website <http://www.education.govt.nz/school/property/state-schools/fixing-issues/asbestos/>

The Ministry of Health contains information about the health risks of exposure to asbestos here <http://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/asbestos-advice-householders>

WorkSafe New Zealand also provides information on asbestos <http://www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/guidance-by-hazard-type/asbestos>

### Project information

The Ministry is working with Three Kings School to provide the school with three new teaching spaces (classes) to support its growing roll.

As part of this work, the school will also receive improved school on-site car parking.

During the project, materials from existing buildings are being removed, including fibrolite panels which may contain asbestos in stable form.

We would like to assure parents and the community that this work can and will be carried out safely.

Safety measures for removing asbestos-containing material

We always use specialist asbestos removal experts, in accordance with health and safety legislation. The asbestos removal plan for the site has been carefully reviewed by the Ministry, before and during these buildings being moved to site. We notify WorkSafe NZ before we undertake work of this kind.

The safe removal of hazardous materials like asbestos is covered by health and safety legislation and, as in all Ministry projects, we strictly follow those requirements.

The site is being kept safe and secure, using fencing around the perimeter and keeping air monitors in place.

The reason we are very careful how we remove asbestos during a building project is because if asbestos dust becomes airborne, it can potentially be a risk to health in the future. There are a number of serious diseases that can be related to inhaling asbestos dust over a long period.

The risk to health increases with the intensity, frequency and duration of exposure. Short-term, low levels of exposure carry negligible risk. Historically those most at risk from asbestos-related disease were those working with asbestos, which is why anyone working with the material today wears protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

Preventative measures aim to reduce opportunities for dust from construction or removal works to get into the air.

## Frequently asked questions

---

### Who is involved in the project?

- **Ministry of Education** – Manages overall project, funds the project, works with the school and Board of Trustees, and provides information relating to the project
- **Three Kings School Board of Trustees** – Key partners with the Ministry
- **Astley Construction** – Main contractors for the project
- **Thomas Civil** – Monitor and survey the site to ensure it is safe

### When is the work being done?

The removal of the panels is being done during the current weekend of 17 and 18 June, following consultation with the school.

### Why are there workers in white overalls and breathing apparatus?

These contractors are working with hazardous substances constantly, which places them at higher potential risk because the potential for risk increases with cumulative exposure. Protective clothing is normal procedure for this process.

### What happens if the air monitors show there is asbestos in the air?

We would stop work immediately and notify WorkSafe NZ. Further testing would be carried out to determine whether it is asbestos or another substance such as pollen. If it is conclusively asbestos, work would remain on hold, and an investigation undertaken to determine the cause. The result of the investigation is reported back to WorkSafe NZ, including the measures that would be put in place before work proceeds. WorkSafe NZ would need to consider and approve the report before work could resume.

### Are children more susceptible to asbestos than adults?

There is no conclusive evidence that children are at greater risk of developing asbestos-related disease than adults.

### How long is it before any health effects from asbestos exposure would occur?

Asbestos-related diseases take many years, usually decades, to develop. Any health symptoms developing within months of exposure are unlikely to be related to asbestos. Asbestos-related diseases generally occur in workers, such as miners and those in factory work, often from historical and heavy exposure to asbestos before modern laws and controls were introduced.