



Friday 6 October 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you again for all your support regarding the school fire, which caused substantial damage to Room 7 and the toilet block, as well as some water and smoke damage to Room 8.

Investigations into the cause of the fire are ongoing. At this stage we understand that the fire originated in the toilet block in Room 8 where construction works were taking place.

Staff have worked closely with the Ministry of Education property team, cleaners, contractors and the insurance companies throughout the holidays, and I'd like to give you an update on the next steps for our buildings and spaces for our Room 7 and 8 students.

Rooms 7 and 8 were sealed and fenced off following the fire, and will remain closed for now, while a decision is made whether the classrooms will be rebuilt or removed. All other classrooms and spaces throughout the school are open.

We are working to deliver two temporary classrooms in the staff carpark on the corner of Sandspit Road, near the Four Square. These will become replacement classrooms for Rooms 7 and 8.

In the meantime, Room 7 students will relocate to the library in a separated area from the new entrant 5 year old students, who are also using the library as their classroom (Room 34). This is a great tuakana-teina opportunity for the support of our youngest tamariki by Room 7 students.

Room 8 students will temporarily relocate to room MPR2 - the ground level room between Rooms 16 and 17.

All parents/caregivers are most welcome to bring children directly to classrooms on Monday, especially those affected by the school fire. These have been set up over the holidays by their awesome teachers, ready to welcome the students back for Term 4 learning.

Regards

Dorothy Bigwood