



**Briefing Note: Visit to Berhampore School for Highest Needs  
Review Announcement on Thursday 18 November  
2022**

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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**Purpose of Briefing Note**

- This briefing provides information on your visit to Berhampore School on Thursday 18 November 2022 from 9:30am to 10:30am to make an announcement relating to the Highest Needs review.
- A run sheet for the visit is attached. **Annex 1** refers.

**Proactive Release**

- a **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you and the visit has occurred.

☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**



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Associate Minister of Education  
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## BERHAMPORE SCHOOL (2808)

Contact Name: Mark Potter, Principal  
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Address: 10 Britomart Street  
Berhampore  
Wellington

### Key People

Ministry Officials: Roy Sye, Director of Education for Wellington  
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### School Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Contributing (Year 1-6)
School Gender	Co - Ed
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	393
Electorates	Rongotai / Te Tai Tonga
Te Mahau   Region	Wellington   Te Tai Runga

The July 2022 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
European/Pākehā	133	49.6%
Asian	44	16.4%
Other ethnicity	41	15.3%
Māori	38	14.2%
Pacific	12	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>100%</b>

### School Context

- 1 Berhampore School is a contributing primary school which caters for students in Years 1 to 6 in mainstream classes. It also offers a Montessori education option for Years 1 to 8 in Montessori classes via a Memorandum of Understanding with South Wellington Intermediate School.

- 2 Mark Potter has been the Principal of Berhampore School for over 20 years and from 2023 he will become the new NZEI Te Riu Roa President with a focus on equity an inclusion. This is for a two-year role, and the Board of Berhampore School is currently going through a recruitment round for an Acting Principal for the next two years.
- 3 We are in discussions with Berhampore School around the renewal of their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Wellington Intermediate School (SWIS), which supports Berhampore's Year 7-8 Montessori student cohort. Conversations are progressing well.

### Education Review Office

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- 4 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in November 2016. ERO found that:
- A focus on responding to the individual strengths and needs of students and regular monitoring of progress enables teachers and leaders to promote positive student outcomes.
  - The curriculum provides students with purposeful learning experiences linked to their interests and needs, with a strong emphasis on literacy and mathematics.
  - Opportunities to access te ao Māori and te reo Māori as part of the daily curriculum are growing. Teachers are extending their knowledge and understanding to more effectively respond to Māori learners' language, culture and identity.
  - Teachers know students' wellbeing and learning strengths and needs well. Collaborative, learning centred relationships are evident. Teachers adapt their practice to respond to needs, especially for those identified as target students. Teacher assistants support identified students to participate in learning. There is a focus on including all students within meaningful classroom programmes.

### Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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- 5 The school does not belong to a Kāhui Ako.

### Learning Support

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- 6 The school does not have access to a Learning Support Coordinator (LSC). No LSC were allocated to the Wellington South area in the first tranche.
- 7 The Principal is a strong advocate for having additional LSC available to all schools.
- 8 There are currently 25 students receiving learning support services at the school.

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## Participation in government programmes

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### School Donations Scheme

- 9 The school has opted-in to the School Donations Scheme. For 2022 the school will receive \$50,715 in lieu of donations for 2022. The school received \$51,923 in 2021, \$48,128 and in 2020.

### Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 10 The school is ineligible for the programme based on the Equity Index.

### Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

- 11 The school has opted-into the national initiative and to date has ordered products.

### Creatives in Schools

- 12 Berhampore School applied for Round 3 of the Creatives in Schools programme and was successful. The name of their project is Under the Big Top - An inclusive circus at Berhampore School which involves students from Years 1–9 and their creative is The Circus Hub (General Manager - Rosalie Ducharme).

## Impact of COVID-19

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- 13 Berhampore School submitted three the Urgent Response Fund applications totalling \$26,300 and received \$18,823 in approved funding. Two applications were approved in full for \$8,300 and one application partially approved for \$10,523.
- 14 \$7,300 was provided for a programme focusing on social, emotional and behavioural support to 40 identified students suffering from trauma due to refugee status or early life trauma and escalated behavioural issues post 2020-21 lockdowns. Additional Teacher Aide time and In-Class support was provided as part of the request.
- 15 \$1,000 was approved to provide support to a student to provide cultural and wellbeing support to a new refugee student and family to settle into the school environment.
- 16 \$10,523 was approved to provide a programme to a group of 25 students to re-engage them back into learning and support them to come up to speed with their learning.

## Property

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- 17 There are no known property risks with the school.



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## Context

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- 1 We have provided you with a Briefing Note [METIS 1299569 refers] which provides background information on the school and a run sheet for the day.
- 2 This Briefing Note complements the information in that paper by providing talking notes for your announcement.

## Annexes

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- Annex 1: Talking Notes