



## Briefing Note: Visit to Parakai School

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
<b>Cc:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	1 September 2022	<b>Priority:</b>	Low / Medium / High
<b>Security Level:</b>	In Confidence	<b>METIS No:</b>	1294294
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<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	No

### Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Parakai School in Auckland on Wednesday 7 September 2022 from 10:00am to 10:50am. A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex one (1) refers.

### Core Parakai School Information

#### Parakai School [1432]

Contact Name: Yolanda Choromanski (Principal)  
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Address: 10 Fordyce Road  
Parakai, 0830

### Key People

Principal: Yolanda Choromanski  
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Board Chairperson: Tammy Downer  
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Ministry Officials: Grant Malins - Education Manager  
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## Profile Information

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Authority	State
School Type	Full Primary (Year 1-8)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English Medium
Equity Index Rating	Decile 3
Electorate	Kaipara ki Mahurangi
Te Mahau   Region	Te Mahau   Te Tai Raro

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

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	88	39.3%
Pacific	16	7.1%
Asian	12	5.4%
Other ethnicity	3	1.5%
European/Pākehā	105	46.9%
International	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Parakai School Context

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- 1 The school motto is Dream it, Believe it, Achieve it.
- 2 The Senior classroom block is a modern learning environment (MLE) with 4 classrooms surrounding an open, flexible teaching space which includes a computer hub and art area.
- 3 Parakai School has a cycle track and a fleet of Avanti bikes.
- 4 The School has their own Radio Station with student DJs.
- 5 They have lunchtime sport programmes and special interest groups such as Art Club, Writers' Club, Cooking Club and French Club.
- 6 Rainbow reading and Reading Recovery programmes cater for students who have identified additional needs in reading.
- 7 Parakai School is a Health Promoting School (HPS) which enables the whole school community to work together to address the health and wellbeing of students, staff, and their community. Health and wellbeing is integrated into planning and review processes, teaching strategies, curriculum, and assessment activities.

- 8 Kaipara area's Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) and Resource Teacher: Literacy (RTLit) are based by the school. They also have their own Social Worker in School.

## Education Review Office

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- 9 The Parakai School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2019 where ERO recommended that Parakai School:
- *Leaders and teachers should continue to strengthen te reo and tikanga Māori across the school. They should continue to develop ways of encouraging students, teachers and whānau to make the bicultural heritage of Aotearoa, New Zealand more visible through routines, rituals, and school events.*
  - *The board and leaders should continue to develop systematic internal evaluation processes to deepen investigation and inquiry into what is working effectively in the school to improve equitable and excellent outcomes for all students.*
  - *For sustained improvement and future learner success, the school can draw on existing strengths in:*
    - *effective partnerships with parents that support students to engage in their learning.*
    - *a continually developing curriculum that is meaningful, relevant, and responsive to the students of Parakai School.*
    - *a focus on leadership development across the school.*
    - *a board of trustees that is collaboratively supporting the direction of the school.*

## Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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- 10 The school belongs to Te Kāhui Ako o Kaipara Kāhui Ako which consists of eight schools and two early learning centres.

## Learning Support

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- 11 The school is part of the Kaipara cluster, which has been allocated six Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).
- 12 There is one LSC based at Parakai school and one shared across the cluster.
- 13 Currently Active for Learning Support for five students with Ongoing Resource Scheme (ORS), two students for In Class Support (ICS), two students Severe Behaviour Service, two students Communication Service.
- 14 Waiting for Service are one student for Severe Behaviour Service and one student for Communication Service.

## Participation in government programmes

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### **School Donations Scheme**

- 15 The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2021 and has opted-in for 2022. The school received \$30,750 in lieu of donations in 2021, and \$31,200 in 2022 based on the July roll return.

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

- 16 Parakai School are participating in the Ka Ora, Ka Ako programme. The school started with the programme in May 2021 and are supplied by Parakai Four Square.

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

- 17 Parakai School has opted-in to the initiative and has ordered period products.

### **Creatives in Schools**

- 18 The school did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

## Impact of COVID-19

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- 19 During COVID-19 lockdowns, Parakai School utilised both the Learning from Home packs and packs which the school themselves generated. They also accessed online learning platforms.
- 20 The school received the following funding to support them through COVID-19 in 2021:
- \$16,684.00 from the Urgent Response Fund
  - \$5,211.24 from the Rapid Response Fund
  - \$8,000.00 for Counselling through schools
- 21 The school received the following funding to support them through COVID-19 in 2022:
- \$5,427.08 from the Regional Response Fund

## Property

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- 22 Overall, the school property is in fair condition.
- 23 The school has a current 5 Year Agreement (5YA) allocation of \$300,000 and an annual maintenance grant of \$30,000. The school plans to use its 5YA funding on a project to remediate the site's drainage system.
- 24 The school also received \$200,000 from the Accelerated Modernisation Scheme (AMS) and \$150,000 from the School Investment Package (SIP). The school used its SIP allocation to install shade sails on-site and to modernise the school's administration space. The remaining SIP allocation was combined with the school's AMS allocation to fund an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) upgrade of Block 1.
- 25 The school has been authorised to commence with a Learning Support Modifications (LSM) project to improve accessibility around the school and a second project to construct a new Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) space.

- 26 As of 26 August, the school has been sent a total of 3 portable air cleaners through all three distributions under the Ministry's COVID-19 ventilation response. The school has also received 3 CO2 monitors, 2 from the term 1 and 2 distributions at the start of the year and 1 from the term 3 distribution.

### Other known risks or issues

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- 27 The school has raised to the Ministry of Education the challenges faced with having sufficient resources to meet the needs of challenging and complex students.
- 28 Students enrolled from the temporary housing motel located close to the school often require additional support to address transience and complex learning needs.

### Proactive Release

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- 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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1/09/2022



Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Associate Minister of Education  
(School Operations)**

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## Annex 1: Run Sheet

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Time	Activity	Other details
10:00am	Minister Jan Tinetti arrives and is greeted by the Principal, Yolanda Choromanski	
10:50am	Minister Jan Tinetti leaves	