



Briefing Note: Visit to Huapai District School

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

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Huapai District School in Auckland on Wednesday 7 September 2022 from 9:00am to 9:50am. A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex one (1) refers.

Core Huapai District School Information

Huapai District School [1320]

Contact Name: John Petrie (Principal)
09 412 5042

Address: 40 Station Road
Huapai
Kumeu 0810

Key People

Principal: John Petrie
09 412 5042

Board Chairperson: Hamish Taylor

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Ministry Officials: Grant Malins - Education Manager

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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Full Primary (Year 1-8)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English Medium
Equity Index Rating	Decile 9
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	65	13.6%
Pacific	28	5.8%
Asian	105	21.9%
Other ethnicity	26	5.4%
European/Pākehā	255	53.2%
International	0	0.0%
Total	479	100%

Huapai School Context

1. Huapai District School is a decile 9 Full Primary School in Northwest Auckland. Although in a semi-rural area there has been significant housing development the area.
2. Huapai District School values the “seeds of greatness” (Cs of greatness). These are the qualities they desire to see evident in their children. These include collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, citizenship, communication, and character.
3. Teaching Teams are constructed around year-level groups to allow higher levels of support and interaction. The school has opened the equivalent of 16 classrooms in a modern learning environment where children have more than one teacher.
4. Huapai District School uses the Montessori philosophy to underpin their learning programmes.
5. Huapai District School is part of a global partnership known as New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) where they seek to design learning experiences that build on learner strengths and needs, create new knowledge using real-life problem solving and help all students identify their talents, purpose, and passion.
6. Huapai District School is a PB4L School.

Education Review Office

7. Huapai School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2015 where ERO found that:
- *Huapai School is successfully realising its mission and vision to “engage, extend and empower” learners. The school is very well supported by its community.*
 - *Students are achieving well and enjoy taking increasing control of their own learning.*
 - *Very effective leadership, governance and self-review underpin ongoing improvement.*

ERO is likely to carry out the next review in four-to-five years.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

8. The school belongs to Whiria Te Tangata Kāhui Ako which consists of thirteen schools and eight early learning services.
9. Heather Atkinson, Principal of Waitakere School, is the lead Principal for the Kāhui Ako.

Learning Support

10. The school is part of the Whiria te Tangata cluster, which has been allocated nine Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).
11. There is one LSC based at the Huapai school and one shared across two schools, the other schools all have one LSC per school.
12. Learning Support has one student receiving In Class Support (ICS), one open High Health (HH) and one open Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) student.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

13. Huapai School is ineligible for the scheme as they are a Decile 9 school.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

14. The school is ineligible for the programme.

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

15. The school has opted-in to the programme and ordered products.

Creatives in Schools

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

Impact of COVID-19

17. Huapai school applied for the Urgent Response Fund in 2020 / 2021 and received \$10,824.39 to help support students to re-engage with learning after COVID-19 lockdowns.
18. Huapai School received \$1,000.00 from the Rapid Response Fund in 2021.
19. The school received \$3959,34 from the Regional Response Fund in 2022 to contribute towards activities and initiatives to support education outcomes.

Property

20. Overall, the school property is in good condition.
21. The school has a current 5 Year Agreement (5YA) allocation of \$450,000 and an annual maintenance grant of \$50,000. The school's ongoing 5YA projects include window and carpet replacements to Block 5, roofing and gutter replacements to 4 blocks, and replacement of Clearlite roofing to 6 blocks.
22. The school also received \$200,000 from the Accelerated Modernisation Scheme (AMS) and \$400,000 from the School Investment Package (SIP). The school used their SIP allocation along with 5YA funding to complete an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) upgrade of Block 2 and to construct a new library and staff room.
23. As of 26 August, the school has been sent a total of 5 portable air cleaners through all three distributions under the Ministry's COVID-19 ventilation response. The school have also received 5 CO2 monitors, 2 from the term 1 and 2 distributions at the start of the year and 3 from the term 3 distribution.

Other known risks or issues

24. We are not aware of any issues.

Proactive Release

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☒ **Agree** ☐ **Disagree**



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