



**Briefing Note: Visit to Greenpark School on Thursday 7 September at 10.45am**

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
<b>Cc:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	5 September 2023	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
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<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	Yes / No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	Yes / No

**Purpose of Briefing Note**

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Greenpark School in Tauranga on Thursday 7 September 2023, 10.45am.

**Proactive Release**

1. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you

Agree / Disagree

Jocelyn Mikaere  
Hautū | Deputy Secretary  
Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua

06/09/2023

Hon Jan Tinetti  
Minister of Education

07/09/2023

## Greenpark School (1729)

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Contact Name: Gareth Scholes  
s9(2)(a)

Address: 13 Lumsden Street  
Greerton  
Tauranga 3112

### Key People

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Principal: Gareth Scholes  
s9(2)(a)

Ministry officials Tui Rolleston  
Director of Education, Bay of Plenty – Waiairiki  
Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua (Central)  
021 1831 961

### Profile Information

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Authority	State
School Type	Contributing (Year 1-6)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	441
Electorate	Tauranga
Te Mahau   Region	Te Tai Whenua

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

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	162	23.6%
Pacific	23	3.3%
Asian	144	21%
Other ethnicity	23	3.3%
European/Pākehā	331	48.2%
International	4	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Greenpark School Context

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- 1 The Principal, Gareth Scholes, has taken the Lead Principal role of Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako since Term 2 of this year.

## Education Review Office

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2 Greenpark School was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in July 2022 where ERO recommended that the school will prioritise:

- strengthening school systems to embed and sustain the positive shifts that have been made in teaching and learning
- sustaining improved equitable outcomes for all learners in mathematics
- reviewing assessment systems and practices to align with teaching and learning practices.

## Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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3 The school belongs to Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako.

## Learning Support

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4 Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako has not been allocated Learning Support Coordinators – see known risks below.

## Participation in government programmes

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### School Donations Scheme

5 The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2022 and 2023. The school received \$103,350 in lieu of donations in 2022, and \$105,264 in 2023.

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

6 The school is ineligible for the programme.

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

7 The school has opted-in to the programme and has ordered 288 packs since inception.

### Creatives in Schools

8 Greenpark School applied for Round 4 (2023) of Creatives in Schools and was successful. The name of their project is Kura Kowhaiwhai patterns/panels to translate the school Pepeha to our Community which involves ākonga from Year 6 and their creative is Cory Handley.

## Property

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- 9 The school has had a staged redevelopment. Stage one, replacing the administration area, was completed in November 2020. Stage two is a redevelopment project that will replace eight Teaching Spaces with a new build. The design is completed, a Building Consent has been secured, and the project will be going to tender in mid-September. This will enable construction to commence early in 2024, subject to the outcome of procurement and the prioritisation of construction funding. The principal has been frustrated at times with the speed of delivery of stage two.
- 10 Temporary accommodation has been established on site (and is being given a cosmetic upgrade) to enable the main works to progress.
- 11 The school has just completed a disability bathroom. A weather-tightness project is planned for the hall.

## Other known risks or issues

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- 12 Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako (TPKA), through the Lead Principal Gareth Scholes, has requested a meeting with the Minister concerning Learning Support Coordinators (METIS 1316249 refers Meeting Advice and Draft Reply). We understand that the response has been completed but yet to be received by TPKA.
- 13 In recent communications with the local office of Te Mahau, the principal has raised concerns about the distribution of resources, such as:
  - donations scheme - only some schools
  - lunches in schools - only some schools
  - Learning Support Coordinators - only some schools
  - removing Bank Staffing underuse payments from school but not Māori Medium or Kura Kaupapa.

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- 14 It is recommended that this Briefing Note is proactively released, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.