



Houghton Valley School
INSPIRATION, CHALLENGE and ACHIEVEMENT
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Kia ora koutou

I would like to take this opportunity to say a quick hello and welcome back to Houghton Valley for 2018. I am excited to be starting school and to begin my new role as principal. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

As principal, one of my first jobs has been to oversee the development and progress of the building refurbishment happening in Karaka and Nikau.

At the end of 2017 we expected to have these rooms ready to start the year but unfortunately this is not the case and we wanted to communicate this to our whanau and students, especially for the students who are in these rooms. We want to let the kids know that Nikau and Karaka will be continuing in the hall to start the year off.

The hall is looking great and ready for learning. I know there has been a lot of discussion and planning between all of the year 5 and 6 teaching team to ensure a successful start to the year for all students.

Over the holiday period we have had some issues (getting products on time, removal of asbestos) which has affected our timeline. These issues have now be addressed and we are able to start to make progress with our refurbishment.

We are pleased to report that the internal water damage wasn't as major as was expected. As this is just a water tightening and internal refit you will notice that some of the building won't change as this project isn't a complete makeover, like rooms 1 and 2. The focus has been on making these rooms more conducive to teaching and learning by making them - safer, healthier, dryer, and quieter environments.

We are having weekly meetings with the architect, builder and Ministry of Education so we will keep you informed on a regular basis to our progress.

If you have any questions please feel free to email - principal@houghton.school.nz or pop in and see me.

We look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday.

Nga mihi nui

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