

# Verran Primary School

## Board of Trustees Newsletter



March/April 2017

### Important Dates:

- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 1
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Blessing to open new classrooms
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Next BOT meeting
- TBC – Information night about ILEs

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### Kia Ora to all Verran families and whanau!

#### Construction Update

The classrooms are almost complete and the hall preparation has begun – it's a very exciting time!

The teachers will be utilising the holidays to get moved in and set up. We will have a blessing planned for 6:30am on May 1<sup>st</sup> (day 1 of term 2) to which everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be organising an opening ceremony once the Hall is also complete, but we couldn't possibly wait that long before using the classrooms!

We have also just finished our 10 year property plan to look at what work needs doing next. The priorities are replacing some of the old roofing as well as upgrading the junior block toilets so the completion of the Hall won't be the end of the construction at school – but these are very necessary and timely repairs.

#### School Traffic

With our growing student numbers we are having increasing problems at drop off and pick up times at both gates to the school. We did ask Auckland Transport to send some engineers to help us figure out the best way to manage the increased traffic but so far they haven't had any suggestions.

We do ask that as parents you remember a few rules if you are driving around the school at these times:

- Don't park or drive illegally
- Make sure what you're doing is safe for your children and others
- Be considerate of our neighbours and your fellow parents/caregivers – we are all trying to work together
- Encourage your kids to walk part or all of the way – maybe arrange to pick them up from the top half of the road

#### School Donations

We've had a great start to the year with our Parent Donation payments – thanks so much if you've paid yours already.

If you are struggling to pay, please remember that we are able to set up a payment plan over the year – please contact the office if you'd like to find out how much it would cost to spread out your payments and how to get it set up.