

## **PROPERTY REPORT 2015**

An interesting year on the Property front; a new classroom on site and some exciting plans being drawn up for building projects around the school.

### **New Classroom**

After some frustrating delays work began on our new classroom in March 2015 and was completed in April. The classroom is part of a Ministry initiative called the National Transportable Programme, where certain companies have built prototype transportable classrooms in an effort to win the Ministry tender to be the provider of these classrooms around the country. It is pretty state of the art in terms of design and has proven to be an excellent addition to the school. Whilst it has a definite air of permanence to it we are assured it is easily packed up and removed should our needs change. The initial plan was to have the classroom built offsite and then brought in by crane, but the geography of the school and the high wind factor here meant this wasn't possible. Obviously it wasn't ideal having the building erected onsite during the school term but the crew were excellent and disruption was kept to a minimum.

### **Grounds Upgrade**

With the new classroom taking away precious play area from the students we felt this was a good time to look into improving our play areas and maximising the space that we have. We talked with a few firms and chose landscape architecture firm Wraight and Associates to assist us with this project. Wraights came to the school and had consultations with a group of student representatives, and we had two excellent brainstorming sessions with the school community as well. Plans have now been drawn up and look excellent. This project isn't covered in our Ministry funding and as such will be fully funded through school fundraising. This is going to be a long term project and the Board will be working closely with the Friends of Roseneath School to figure out the best way to raise the necessary funding.

### **5YP Projects**

In June our 5 year property plan was approved and we would like to make some improvements to the corridor (learning street) to incorporate a breakout space if possible. We also received SPG funding of around \$180,000 for hall and administration areas, and our priority for that is the hall area which is fairly tired. We have engaged Lars Stannard from Stannard Architects to help us with the design for these projects.

### **Routine Maintenance / General**

Plenty of general maintenance was done throughout the year to remedy wear and tear around the school, including door locks, window catches, cracked windows, and fencing. Drains and sumps in the hall playground were cleared prior to the transportable being built, and a major block in the sewage pipes was cleared. Some interior painting was done in the corridor, hall, toilets, Upper Deck, and the Principal's office, and a new school sign was made.

Toward the end of the year Lower Bridge class won \$10,000 worth of safety matting from PlayMatta. This was very timely as the rubber surface under our jungle gym is badly worn and starting to become a Health and Safety issue. We look forward to replacing this in 2016.

Many thanks to Principal John Reynolds and the other members of Roseneath School BOT, and I would like to give a special mention to Lee Ashby from Ashby Property Management for all his help during the year.

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