



# BOT News

## Board of Trustees Newsletter – November 2019

### Welcome

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### Property modifications update

Work is now well underway to improve the accessibility of our school. Having started outside rooms 7-12, work has now also begun outside the adjacent classrooms.

#### What exactly is being done?

New ramps and railings are being put in, as well as new areas of decking and step-free access to the classrooms. The property modifications will ensure that our classrooms and surrounding areas are accessible to all our students. Keep an eye out for the laminated copies of the concept drawings, which are being put up around school. These will give you an idea of what the area will look like when the work is completed.

#### When will the work be completed?

This is a big job and will affect different areas of the school over the coming months, with the work being completed in stages. The work is expected to be completed in May 2020.



### What other improvements are happening?

Projects that I'm sure you'll notice over the next few months include:

- Work to improve the drainage on our school field, which gets very muddy and unusable in winter
- Replacing the curtains throughout the school, which have been in place since 2001
- Painting many of the interior areas of the school
- Replacing worn shade sails, as well as installing a new shade sail to provide sun protection on the senior playground.



## Funding – where does the money come from to fund our school?

Sunnynook school, like other state schools, receives funding from the government's Ministry of Education (MOE), but it also relies on funding from our community. The projects listed above are being funded by a mixture of MOE funding (curtains, painting), BOT funding (drainage, shade sails) and community fundraising efforts (new shade sail).

### Ministry of Education Funding

- Operational funding
- Salary funding
- Property funding
- ESOL funding

### Community Funding

- Fundraising (PTA & School)
- Activity fees
- Donations

## Operational funding

Operational funding is the money the BOT receives from the MOE for the day-to-day running of the school and to achieve the objectives set out in our **School Charter**.

How much funding we received is calculated based on factors such as the number of children attending the school and our decile rating. Deciles measure the socio-economic position of the households in our school zone and are calculated from Census data. Our school has a decile rating of 8, which is at the higher end of the 1-10 scale and means that we receive less funding in certain areas than schools in a lower socio-economic area (decile ratings 1-7).

Operational funding comes with many responsibilities and is allocated to pay for certain things. This funding must be spent in line with National Administration Guidelines (NAGs) and we must comply with legislative and contractual guidelines.

Operational funding is broken down into components. Some of the components we receive include:

- Administration grant – for telephones, materials etc
- Base funding – for fixed costs associated with the school
- Heat, light and water funding
- Kiwi sport funding
- Information and communication technology funding
- Learning support funding
- Per-pupil funding
- Property maintenance grant
- Special education grant and assistive equipment grants
- Targeted at risk funding
- Targeted funding for educational achievement

## Salary funding

The MOE calculates how many school staff we are entitled to every year based on the school roll and provides funding to cover our entitlement.

## School Charter

### Life-Long Learners

The ongoing acquisition of knowledge and skills.

### High Quality Education

High quality education is responsive to individual needs guided by reflective practitioners with a pedagogical consciousness. Our Sunnynook Learning Community will support learners in their strive for excellence.

### Global Community

Our school will be community focused. This begins within our school grounds and ripples out to our surrounding community, our country and beyond. By creating partnerships within our community, students will develop an awareness of the diversity of life and the importance of working together to create a sustainable future.

### Social Responsibility

Teachers, parents and children together will make a commitment to children's learning through striving for excellence, showing respect, participating in school life, caring for and exploring their environment, and showing integrity in all they do.

### School Values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Honesty
- Citizenship
- Fairness
- Compassion
- Perseverance
- Pride



## Property funding

Important sources of property funding include:

- 5 Year Agreement (5YA) funding
- Learning support property modifications funding
- Property maintenance grant

Sunnynook, like other state schools, is required to develop a 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP) to ensure that our school is well maintained, and the physical environment supports teaching and learning. A 10YPP is submitted to the MOE every 5 years in order to receive 5YA funding.

5YA funding is for capital improvement work and must be used to upgrade, modernise or replace existing buildings. How much funding we receive is based on a formula used by the MOE and the funding must be spent following certain rules. In addition to 5YA funding, learning support property modifications funding can also be applied for to enable students, teachers and other school users with additional needs to use the school.

Property funding also comes in the form of the property maintenance grant that's mentioned above under Operational funding. This funding pays for such things as general maintenance, painting and the upkeep of our grounds. Importantly, this funding only pays for the maintenance of MOE-funded buildings. Where property has been funded by the BOT, such as our Shade Structure and eDiscovery Centre (comprised of our ICT suite and technology room), we must use board funding (from sources such as fundraising and donations) to pay to maintain it.

Funding for new teaching spaces is also available to a school, but only if it experiences an increase in the number of **in-zone** children attending the school.

## ESOL funding

The MOE also provides ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) funding. This is provided so that schools can offer extra English language learning support for eligible students learning English as a second language.

**For further information about MOE funding please visit <http://education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/>**

## Community funding - fundraising, activity fees and donations

The funding provided by the MOE covers many things from toilet paper to textbooks, but as we all know it does not fully cover all the extra teacher hours, teacher aides, computer, classroom and library resources we need for our school. Paying activity fees, donations and contributing towards fundraising enables us to provide these things. Community funding is a very important source of funding for schools in New Zealand.

A recent example of how your efforts benefit our students is the amazing shade structure that will be going up shortly to provide sun protection for the senior playground. This has only been possible because of the hard work of the PTA and your generous donations to their fundraising efforts during the year.





SUNNYNOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learning for a Successful Future"

### Dean Greenwood Swim School to provide school swimming lessons

We're pleased to announce that Dean Greenwood Swim School has been appointed as our new provider for the swimming lessons that the students enjoy during school hours. The eight lessons will now only cost \$35 per child in 2020, which is cheaper than the \$45 they cost this year.

Dean Greenwood  
**SWIM SCHOOL**

Proud to be working with  
**Sunnynook  
Primary School**

Teaching skills for life, today.

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**LEARN TO  
SWIM TODAY!**

### Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

With less than three weeks left until the end of the school year, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.