

Parent Huddle – Wednesday 27th March 2024

Maree Bathurst (Principal) welcomed everyone and introduced herself and other school staff members.

New Build

Maree spoke in regards to our new classroom block

- Is Modern Learning Spaces (no longer called open plan) – 2 – 4 classes will be sharing the same space
- Roof design and insulated autex on walls will help reduce noise
- New netball / basketball courts will be outside of the new building. School is getting pricing for turf to be laid rather than concrete (which is all that has been budgeted for). School may have to fund turf if we decide to go that way
- Building is on track to be completed July 2024

School Hall

Still no further confirmation from Ministry of Education in regards to new school hall

School Bus

Maree acknowledged there have been problems with both school buses this year.

- Ritchies (bus company) has struggled to get drivers
- School bus guidelines allow for 3 children per seat however when they are 'bucket' seats allowing for only 2 people it doesn't make it comfortable for children. It was suggested that primary children to be seated and AJHS / ASHS children to stand?
- If children do no tag on the bus statistics are not taken and the true number of children on the buses is not correct. Until the bus numbers show over capacity Ritchies cannot apply for any extra buses / funding from Auckland Transport
- Feedback school has received is that the behavior from our children on the buses is not good. We have this year appointed bus monitors on each bus to model good behavior and watch for any concerns or unacceptable behavior.. If children are worried or upset about anything on the bus they can tell the bus monitors (they will have a badge on identifying themselves)
- Concern was raised by a parent in regards to young children being on bus with AJHS / ASHS children. Maree explained that it is not in our control – Auckland Transport make all the decisions in regards to the buses
- Parents please send in feedback on buses – we forward it onto Ritchie's
- There are cameras on board buses

Questions asked:

Does school need anything from parents?

Parent or grandparent help in classrooms is always appreciated – reading, helping with writing, putting away books, cultural information, coaching / managing school sports teams

New build – two storey building – are there safety concerns in regards to children?

The new building meets all health and safety required regulations

Any concerns will be addressed by school prior to opening

Stairs – we are already conscious of every day accidents that could happen