



Friday 9th July 2021

Re: New Build Designs and Start Date

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As many of you are aware, the Board of Trustees, Staff and I have been working behind the scenes for the last 4 years in preparing for a major building/learning spaces upgrade for our school. We are excited to announce that this building project will **start at the beginning of Term 3**. Two construction teams will be on site and undertaking the Stage 1 development (refer to details below).

We are now able to share the **3D fly through, concept drawings** of the overall look of our school and the **classroom designs** with you. These designs have been carefully researched and designed to ensure they will create a school environment that represents our school vision for the future, and upholds our Summit Learner teaching and learning values.

*“At Greytown School, our community encourages and supports our children’s **Hauora/Wellbeing** by creating a school where children feel they belong and are safe to be themselves. We strive to inspire, strengthen and lead a teaching and learning culture where **Collaboration, Innovation, and Challenge** thrive, in order for our children to feel and be **Purposeful** as informed and active life-long learners.”*

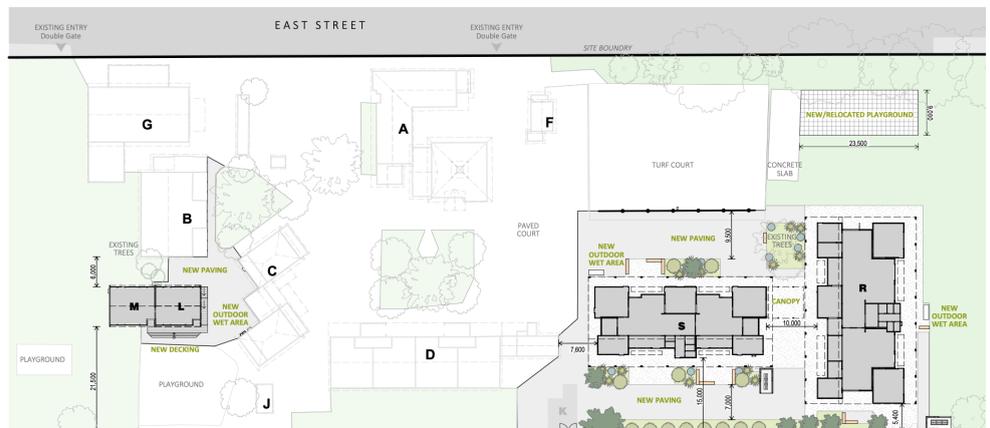
This is the overall plan of our school in the future.

Check out our 3D fly through of the new blocks!

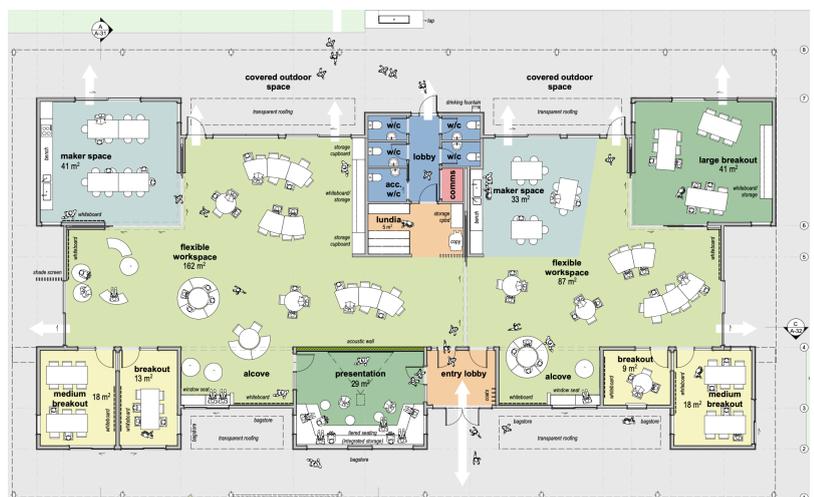
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Stage 1 (starting 2nd August 2021)

Over the next few months there will be an intensive start to this project as there will be two construction areas happening at once.



- Block M (Room 15) and Block L (Room 3 - will be relocated and renovated.
- Our new Senior Block (Block R) has 5 classrooms in it. It will have
 - Two larger areas that are Flexible as they can be separated or opened depending on numbers and needs to provide greater opportunities and space for collaboration between home zones/class groups.
 - Two Maker spaces for Science, Arts and Technology (eg:



Robotics, Food Technology with Kitchen facilities, Maker Spaces for construction, Passion Projects etc).

- Four break out spaces for children and staff to work in small and medium sized groups.
- One larger breakout room catering for 20-30 children.
- One presentation space for performing arts, syndicate assemblies, green screening, music etc...

Stage 2 (2022-2023)

- Removal of our old Senior Building.
- Our next 4 roll classrooms will start construction (Block S) with new landscaping (eg: gardens, concrete game markings, seating etc).

Traffic and Road Safety

During these projects and with school growth we will have increased traffic demands on Reading Street and East Street.

The Board and leadership team are currently working with the team from The Orchards and the South Wairarapa District Council on ideas to manage this to ensure children's safety. However, it also involves all our parents, children and our wider community doing their part too.

We ask that

- Parents take time to talk to and practise with your child/ren their route to school and crossing busy roads. This is especially important for walkers and cyclists.
- Everyone please be aware that there is large construction traffic on Reading Street. Parents and children need to be extremely careful during pick up and drop off times.
- All drivers lower their speed around the school.
- Everyone crosses at the crossing or walk across the road beyond the diamonds painted on the road safely. I.e: not directly around the bus and hall area.
- No parking or stopping on the yellow lines area.

We appreciate your support and any actions that you can take above in helping us to keep everyone safe.

Senior Playground

The Board and the team from Hal Jones Builders are currently in the process of relocating our Senior Playground. Due to delays with Structural Engineers and in the arrival of new parts of the playground it will take a little longer than planned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Duncan Didsbury and David Savage for leading this project and working through all the red tape, legalities etc involved in relocating a playground.

Pool Upgrade

In addition to all these exciting things we will also be upgrading the pool area with new pumps, piping and a new fibreglass lining with steps. This will happen at the end of Term 3 so our pool will be ready for our next swimming season.

As you can see we have a lot of exciting projects ahead of us and in the end we will have a state of the art buildings!

Thanks *Patrice O'Connor* (Principal)

