



Sunnybrae

NORMAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you are aware, Auckland experienced two weather events recently. Our thoughts go out to our Sunnybrae families, neighbours and staff members who are struggling with damage to their homes, businesses and gardens.

After the first weather event, the school found water inside four rooms, plus mud and debris throughout the school grounds. The staff got quickly to work and ensured water was removed as quickly as possible. The second event had a far worse impact on the saturated grounds, which resulted in 15 rooms sustaining water damage to the carpets as well as further destruction to the grounds. The staff and board continued their efforts but also required assistance from outside agencies.

We have many people to thank who have helped with the cleanup. Our caretaker, teachers, teacher aides, office staff, parents, students, alumni and management have done an outstanding job of preparing the school for opening on Tuesday.

Twelve of the classrooms were impacted by groundwater; therefore, the carpet needs to be replaced. This would have been a simple replacement; however, the original vinyl flooring found under some of the carpets tested positive for asbestos. The leadership team has consulted with the Ministry of Education property team about the nature of the work to be done; however, the timing of the asbestos removal and carpet replacement is still to be confirmed. The Board of Trustees has engaged an experienced project manager to handle this special project. As the asbestos is contained in the original vinyl flooring under the carpet, we have been assured there is no danger or risk to students or staff as the asbestos is not airborne. The carpets are being cleaned, deodorised and dried out this weekend in preparation for the school to open on Tuesday.

Please be assured the health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our top priority. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available. If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, please contact James McIntyre, Presiding Member of the Board of Trustees, at jmcintyre@sunnybrae.school.nz. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely

Sunnybrae Board of Trustees

James McIntyre (Presiding Member), Dora Yang, Sabina Darke, Damian Griffiths, Bruce Nichols, Campbell Marsters, Anna Blair, Lorene Hurd

*An inclusive school living our values
and maximising the potential of all.*
*He kura mākohā e ū ana ki ōna mātāpono,
e akiaki ana i ngā tamariki kia eke panuku.*

