TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers

Kura Street, *Titahi Bay, Porirua 5022*   *P O Box* *50441, Porirua 5240*   ***Phone:*** *04 236 8399*
website: *www.titahibay.school.nz*   *email:* *office@titahibay.school.nz*

30 January 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Board of Trustees and Ministry of Education have been working closely over the past few weeks, following the fire at the Baptist Church. Both the Board and the Ministry prioritise the safety of staff and students and we have been wanting to ensure that the school is safe to open on Wednesday 30 January.

The Ministry's contractors have thoroughly checked the school site and any asbestos debris has been removed. To complete the job, the top layer of soil and all the plants had to be removed from the driveway beds. There will be a project later in the year to reinstate these. The church has sprayed their building and site with a product to ensure no further asbestos fibres can land on the school and they are undertaking final air testing for fibres on 30 January to complete this part of their project.

Today we met with representatives from the Regional Health Board, Porirua City Council, the Church and the Ministry of Education. We have been advised that the school is safe to occupy. As a precautionary measure we will limit the use of the driveway until the Church's test results for asbestos fibres are received. This means the main driveway will be open between 8.20am and 9.15am in the morning and 2.45pm and 3.15pm in the afternoon to allow staff cars and students with disabilities to enter the main gates, everyone else will be required to use the pedestrian gate on Kura Street.

We have had an offer to have the Medical Officer of Health come and talk to the community about asbestos so if you are interested, or have concerns, do let me know.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Delaney   Sarah Campbell

Principal   BOT Chairperson

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata. He tāngata. He tāngata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.