



TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers

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Kia Ora Titahi Bay School community

You may be aware of a recent fire at Titahi Bay Baptist Church, located adjacent to our school on the corner of Waiuta and Kura Streets. We understand there may be questions about the risks associated with the fire and the purpose of this notice is to provide you with information so that you can be confident we are doing everything to ensure the safety of the school community.

Testing has confirmed the church buildings contained asbestos and some of this debris has spread into the school grounds. These areas have been isolated to prevent access and plans are underway for containment of the church debris and thorough decontamination and clean-up of the affected areas within the school.

The School is working with the Ministry of Education, local Council, WorkSafe NZ and asbestos specialists to ensure there is no risk to our school community. Whilst we expect the clean up to occur prior to school recommencing, we will ensure access to affected areas is controlled until the area has been cleaned, re-tested and deemed safe for reoccupation. We will keep you informed of progress prior to school returning.

Asbestos only becomes a health and safety risk if fibres are released into the air therefore it is extremely important the debris remains undisturbed. We ask you to refrain from accessing the cordoned area until we have advised it is safe to do so. Information about the health risks of exposure to asbestos can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/environmental-health/hazardous-substances/asbestos>.

Kerry Delaney

Principal

Sarah Campbell

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.

