

Schools PPP – Hobsonville Point

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Welcome to the third edition of the Schools PPP – Hobsonville Point newsletter. This newsletter will be published regularly and aims to keep you up to date on the progress of two new schools to be built in Hobsonville Point. This edition includes an update on the procurement process and the new primary school principal shares his vision for the school.

Preferred bidder chosen

Learning Infrastructure Partners consortium has been appointed preferred bidder to build and maintain New Zealand's first public private partnership (PPP) schools.

The Learning Infrastructure Partners consortium is made up of firms with significant experience in designing, building and maintaining New Zealand schools including Hawkins – lead construction; ASC Architects – lead designer; facilities management: Programmed Facility Management.

The selection of the preferred bidder follows a robust procurement process in which three short listed consortia submitted proposals for the project. Proposals were reviewed in detail by the Ministry, the Establishment Board of Trustees, Treasury officials as well as specialist advisors.

The Ministry of Education, with input from the Establishment Board of Trustees and the Treasury is currently negotiating with Learning Infrastructure Partners to enter into a contract for the design, construction, finance and maintenance of Hobsonville Point primary and secondary schools for 25 years post construction.

The primary school is scheduled to open in term 1 2013 and the secondary school term 1 2014.



“The appointment of a preferred bidder is an important step in the process towards a first school property PPP being completed in New Zealand.”

Hon Hekia Parata, Minister of Education

Establishment Board of Trustees update

Consultation process

The board has commenced an informal consultation process with existing schools in the area that may be impacted by the development of the new schools. Chairman Alan Curtis has met with principals and board members of most of the surrounding schools. In general terms the proposed zoning arrangements have been received positively and the schools have appreciated being able to have input. The formal process which will engage the wider school communities including parents, will take place in March and April this year.

Principal appointments

The board has appointed principals for both schools. The principals will soon begin the task of preparing the teaching and learning curriculum for when their schools open.

The new primary school principal is Daniel Birch, who was previously principal at Discovery 1 in Christchurch. Daniel commenced work with the board at the end of February 2012. You can read more about Daniel overleaf.

The secondary school principal will be Maurie Abraham who is currently principal at Opotiki College. Maurie will take up his position from October 2012.

Both Daniel and Maurie are already members of the board following their appointments and will contribute considerably to the development of their respective schools. They will also be able to work collaboratively together to ensure that students have a seamless journey from Year 1 to Year 13.



Prime Minister John Key and MP for Helensville visited the Hobsonville Point development recently. *“This is a very exciting project and it’s great to see the schools getting underway”.*

Welcome from the new primary school principal

It was very exciting to be named the foundation principal for Hobsonville Point Primary last year. I am looking forward to this new challenge and am excited about both the building design and the learning design that is being discussed.

To me the whole idea of schooling is to excite students into wanting to learn, needing to learn, getting motivated by learning. To do this learning design has to involve student voice and as many real life applications as possible.

At Hobsonville Point, we will be creating a school that allows for students to become the best they can be in all areas of development through strong relationships, shared learning design and high expectations of our whole community.

We want the school to be the hub of the community, it will be a place where everyone is welcome and feels they can contribute to the development of our students.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the community and helping make Hobsonville Point a great community learning environment.

Daniel Birch
Foundation Principal Hobsonville Point Primary School

Site blessings

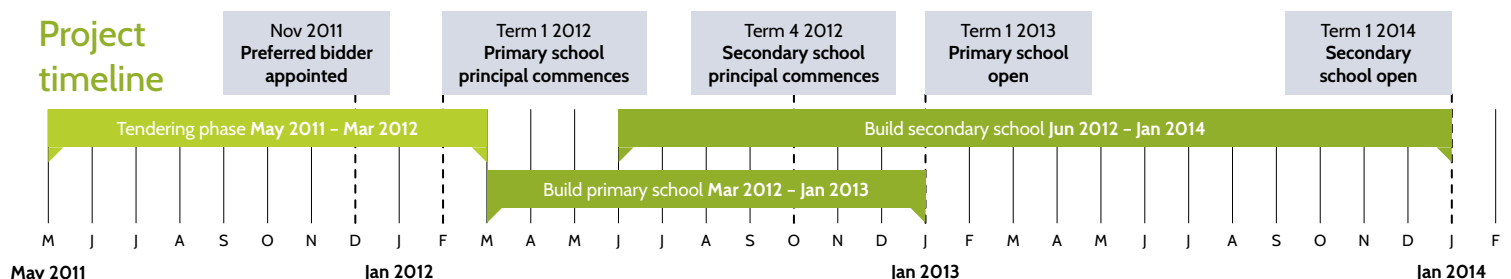
A blessing and soil-turning ceremony was held on each of the school sites on Thursday 9 February in preparation for site works.

The dawn ceremony which involves the turning of soil where buildings will be erected joins the spiritual world to the physical world in preparation for the start of the project. Words spoken are in support of safe guarding the environment and work conditions on site. Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara ki Te Tonga conducted the ceremony and are committed to supporting this project for the future of all children within the catchment area.

The blessing was also attended by representatives of the Establishment Board of Trustees, principals of the new schools, the Ministry of Education, Hobsonville Land Company and Learning Infrastructure Partners.



Project timeline



Questions or comments

If you have any comments or questions please contact the project team by email nzschools.ppp@minedu.govt.nz or write to NZ Schools PPP Project, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1666, Wellington.

More information on the project can be found on the project’s webpage <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/nzschoolsPPP>