



### Principal's Update 3 June 2021

Kia Ora Parents/ caregivers – Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa

This is Queen's Birthday Weekend. Monday is therefore a public holiday and school will be closed. On Tuesday our school is also closed for staff training as part of our community of learning with 5 other school.

### Botany Campus Church and School Construction Season

In writing this, I am deeply grateful to both students and staff at BC for the way you are navigating this period of construction – the campus is running brilliantly under Mr Briscoe's inspired leadership, and I love being there. However recently it has become intensely busy and quite rightly so, one of our wonderful parents has raised with me - site safety. We too have been watching this carefully and are immediately looking at what we can do to ensure bus drop offs and pick-ups are absolutely safe.

**A word regarding the construction:** the started off as being primarily for the church and the new facilities are looking incredibly good. The school has always benefitted significantly through access to a superb auditorium which is now greatly enhanced.

During the construction we took the opportunity to have the builders also renovate our school administration block. In both jobs, the church, and the school, it has been discovered that critical remediation work has needed to be done placing big delays on construction while consents were sought, and work was carried out. This is still being worked on and there are several ongoing projects we will need to continue to allow for.

The result however will be amazing, and we are excited for the future at Botany Campus.

**Collection of Attendance Dues and Proprietors Special Character Donation:** Both the attendance dues and special character donation are now collected solely by our Proprietors. There are a number of ways you can pay, and they have communicated this to all parents. Here are their instructions again for you.

Each year as a school we overwhelmingly appreciate parents paying the **Proprietor Special Character Donation (PSCD)**. We seek to steward these funds to enable us to provide over and above as a Christian school. Although the government approves us as an integrated school, they have no idea of what it costs to integrate our Christian faith across all aspects of school operation chiefly a 'Christian world-view saturation' in our learning spaces.

**Thank you, parents, for contributing this donation each year.**

I'm loving the campus newsletters being written and sent out fortnightly. Well done Campus Leaders.

*Much aroha*

Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murray Burton".

Murray Burton MNZM  
**PRINCIPAL**