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Newsletter

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Local High School Report

Our thoughts have been with you all as we faced the challenges of the last two weeks. We send our heart felt best wishes to you. We wish you and your neighbours great strength.

On 7 September Anne Tolley announced new Associate Education Minister Rodney Hide's responsibilities will include possible Public Private Partnerships for building and maintaining some new school property.

Minister of Education, Anne Tolley's decision and recommendation on the local high school has been delayed due to the earthquake and matters of more immediate priority.

We still plan to hold a public meeting after Anne Tolley has made her announcement, but will need to wait until we have something more definite to tell you.

Local Body Elections

You can help us by voting in the local body elections. We asked all candidates to provide a position statement on their opinion on establishing a local high school in North East Christchurch. This was their opportunity to tell us how they will assist us towards a local high school. Candidate's statements are provided at the end of this newsletter.

Please consider the local high school project when you vote. We'd like to have people on the Christchurch City Council and Burwood Pegasus Community Board who will help promote and fast track a local high school for our community.

High school name?

We're often asked what the new high school's name will be. We have no preconceived ideas. It is likely the community will be involved in naming the school. It is also likely naming rights for individual school buildings could be available in return for significant financial sponsorship.

Thanks

We had a great response to our wheelie bin stickers with more offers than we have stickers. Thanks for your enthusiastic support.

Fence Signs

We are looking for prominent local places to display our fence signs. Contact nese.admin@clear.net.nz if you can support us by having a NESE sign on your fence. Show your support for a local high school.

We need your support

we say

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NESE Facts

Are you on Facebook? Keep up to date with us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=119970934686195&ref=ts>

Opinions of our local MPs

MPs Aaron Gilmore & Lianne Dalziel spoke on the need for a local high school in North East Christchurch on CTV recently. To hear what they said go to:-

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CTVinNZ#p/c/9666AE4B5E96B362/2/WfR2NNAgLug>

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Candidates Statements

Candidates were asked to provide a statement on the local high school issue.
Please consider the local high school project when you vote.

Mayoral Candidate Statements

Bob Parker—Mayoral Candidate

I have some knowledge of your project through my regular contact with your local MP Aaron Gilmore. I certainly share your enthusiasm for more locally based schools, particularly where children can be educated in their community, and we are able to reduce the traffic issues and congestion often associated with large remote secondary schools serving significant catchments. I have had initial contact with the Minister's office. I have also asked staff to review CCC land holdings in the area to identify possible locations. Thank you for meeting with me and for the energy and enthusiasm with which you are presenting your vision.

Jim Anderton—Mayoral Candidate

I understand that NESE has developed a petition which challenges the Ministry of Education's demographic projections and offers some suggested sites for building a high school. The Education & Science Select Committee recommended "an area strategy be completed in a timely fashion. The Ministry should consult with the community to ensure adequate schooling provision is available for the North East Christchurch area." The government will have to table a response to the petition soon. The most sensible course of action is to wait until the government has reported to parliament on the petition when I would be happy to meet with you.

Rik Tindall—Mayoral Candidate and Councillor

Greetings North East Christchurch residents. Burwood born and schooled in Mairehau, I understand the North East area. It is positive, go-forward, with great environmental attributes for family homes. I follow the school access question with interest, noting the recent petition to Parliament, the pending decisions, the established growth statistics, and that busing children distances for education is not optimum use of resource or time. These factors combine for inevitable development of a new school at Parklands, I believe. I promise you full support for resolving the area's long-term educational needs if elected councillor.

Nathan Ryan—Mayoral Candidate

I would certainly support the creation of a new high school within your ward. I lived in Parklands for around 5yrs during the late 90s, early 00s, and as a parent of 2 school children I believed that the growing number of new families moving into the area with the development of new suburbs certainly justified a new high school.

Brad Maxwell—Mayoral Candidate

I am married to Janice and have two sons. I am a company director and have lived in Christchurch for more than 25 years. I served in the British Merchant Navy 1975-1983, was on standby for the Falklands War in 1982. The people of Christchurch have called for a strong council to tackle the real issues of the city. I believe in freezing rates, developing a long term city plan and infrastructure, and keeping council costs under control. I have a professional reputation of being upfront and honest and present all the options in a clear concise manner.

Kayne Harrison—Mayoral Candidate

Our schools are currently too over crowded to dismiss the idea of opening a new high school in the north east of Christchurch. The education of our high school children should not be hampered by overpopulated classrooms, fewer tools available and less time for teacher interaction. If elected, I will endeavour to make possible a new high school in the north east of Christchurch and ease the pressure on students, parents and teachers alike. As a community we can achieve great things and with great education for our children we can do so much more.

Michael Hansen—Mayoral Candidate

For years I have advocated a Hi school at Ferrymead. This land is now being gobbled by industry, and the cigar smoking secondary pupils have to travel to Linwood College or Mar-ri-hau Hi school. There must already be a high school at Belfast, Rangiora and Kaiapoi. A high school somewhere off Mary street at the Brighton end should go ahead. I think you need to nominate a piece of land. Being on sand it would need to be pile-driven, and the playground used as a ponding area. We should not build nearer the Wai-mak because of the likelihood of a 100 year flood.

Blair Anderson—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Byron Clark—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Kieran Gallagher-Power—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Brian Steer—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Paulus Telfer—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Bob Tomkins—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Peter Wakeman—Mayoral Candidate

No statement provided.

Candidates for Council

David East—Candidate for Council

I am standing as an Independent candidate, 6 years Community Board experience, 3 as Chairman. I strongly believe that Council representatives need broad connections with their community to be able to assess needs and desires. Having been actively involved in our community for 35 years, I have that knowledge of our community. The north east of our ward and school age population is expanding rapidly. I fully support the expansion of our city in the North east and recognise the burgeoning youth population. I therefore offer my full support to the provision of Secondary School facilities in our north eastern area.

Stan Tawa—Candidate for Council

I am strongly of the view that youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, they are the ones that need to be nurtured to become the next councillors for our region. That is achieved through the strengthening of communities, socially, culturally, economically and environmentally. The establishment of a strong educational base from which to springboard from is of paramount importance. If there is indeed a need for another High School in the 8083 area due to the present and future population growth, then I would wholeheartedly support it. Vote Stan Tawa -Your Choice Your Voice!

Rik Tindall—Candidate for Council

Please read this statement under the Mayoral statements.

Mark Ross—Candidate for Council

I personally have no view on it, however if the majority of Burwood Pegasus locals believed that the introduction of a new high school in North East Christchurch would advance the current education situation, I'd be in favour, end of story.

Vanessa Roberts—Candidate for Council

Given that I do not have all the information I would like to make a truly informed decision, my initial response is that there may well be the need for a new secondary school in the North East. However, before committing myself to such a position, I would like to see the results of the population based studies that are underway, to determine if expansion of Mairehau and/or Aranui High Schools would address both current and future needs. I would see a new school providing co-educational opportunities for the newer developments such as the Travis Park area, and out toward Parklands.

Glenn Livingstone—Candidate for Council

I would like to meet with you regarding the establishment of a new secondary school. I have had conversations with Parklands residents during the course of campaigning. I have viewed the NESE web-site and read the background material and I am aware many parents are passionate about their children's schooling. My parents instilled in me the value of a sound education. We encourage our own children to do as well as possible at school. If I am one of the ward councilors following the local body elections, I would like to sit down with you to discuss this.

Mitchell Adair—Candidate for Council

No statement provided.

Glenda Burt—Candidate for Council

No statement provided.

Heather Carter—Candidate for Council

No statement provided.

Sam Park—Candidate for Council

No statement provided.

Chrissie Williams—Candidate for Council

No statement provided.

Community Board Statements

David East—Community Board Candidate

Please read this statement under Candidates for Council.

Linda Stewart—Community Board Candidate

As an elected member I support the establishment of a North-east Secondary School. My family enjoyed living in Parklands for eight years until we looked ahead with concern at the lack of a local high school. The 1980's options being the same you still face. Two schools. Two suburbs' distant, no public transportation and safety concerns crossing Marshlands Road. For north-east suburbs, a high school will provide the final vital ingredient to good community development. Families will invest in stable areas. The "establishment process" is a central government function. Elected members can contribute only personal encouragement.

Linda Stewart, Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

Chris Ponniah—Community Board Candidate

In working with families in the area and as a parent; having to see my children travel to school and not having many school friends living close to them, I am convinced of a need for a high school in close proximity to our community. The children of Burwood-Pegasus community deserve high quality education within close proximity to where they live. This will create a sense of belonging and unity amongst the young people within our community and their families. I am committed to working with NESE to see that this goal will become a reality.

Mark Ross—Community Board Candidate

Please read this statement under Candidates for Council.

Betty Chapman—Community Board Candidate

I support this proposal. There are over 2,200 children attending primary schools and no secondary schools in the 8083 area. Shirley Boys & Avonside Girls are at full capacity. Whilst Aranui and Mairehau could increase their capacity by 400 pupils between them, this will not accommodate the predicted population increase over the next 10 - 20 years. There are significant proposed residential developments. The north east has large areas of undeveloped land within the urban boundary. If elected I would support a high school. I feel this area should be adequately

Andrew Dickerson—Community Board Candidate

I am an elected member of the Canterbury District Health Board (seeking re-election) and an Independent candidate for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board. I have been a resident of Queenspark for 13 years and am very aware of the need for a High School. There are compelling educational, recreational and environmental reasons why a High School should be established in our community. I see an important role for Council in both advocating for a local High School and involving the Ministry of Education. I congratulate your group on everything you have achieved to date and look forward to working with you if elected.

Tim Baker—Community Board Candidate

I enjoyed living 2 minutes walk to school. Today I walk my daughter to our local primary school. I can't imagine not being able to walk to school. However, I do have concerns with the 'high school proposal document'. The 8083 area is huge. I think this should have been surveyed in a smaller area. It would be a lot closer for families in the northern boundary to attend Kaiapoi High. I think a school would be fantastic but I believe a lot more consultation needs to be done to ensure a new high school would be utilised to its fullest.

James Ayers—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Steven Burke—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Julie Gorman—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Sam Park—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Tim Sintes—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Nicky Taylor—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Jazz Teague—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.

Aileen Trist—Community Board Candidate

No statement provided.



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