

Hauraki School Board Meeting Minutes
3pm, Monday 13 February 2023

Present: Paul Barber, Logan Burson (Staff Rep), Clarinda Franklin (Principal), Sarah Gold, Sarah Keber, Queenie Lai, Emily McRae, Christopher Pipes (Staff Rep)

The Board met to consider whether school should remain closed for on-site instruction for Tuesday 14 February 2023 due to Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Board noted:

- The Secretary for Education's Message for Auckland Schools dated 12 February 2023, which recommended "that Boards of Auckland schools make a decision to close their schools for on-site instruction from Monday 13 February"
- The National Emergency Management Agency maintains a state of local emergency in place for Auckland
- That the weather forecast for Tuesday 14 February 2023 has not improved from that issued by MetService and Weather Watch prior to school closure on Monday 13 February 2023, with varying impacts being seen across the Auckland region, ie. Heavy Rain Warning - Red and Strong Wind Warning – Red for Auckland remains in place, with strong winds and heavy rain expected to continue (peaking overnight Monday/early Tuesday – currently predicted to be closest to Auckland at 4am on Tuesday) and the particular severity of the impact on Hauraki School and its community is unknown at this stage
- High winds and falling palm fronds were evident at the school this afternoon
- Power lines have been seen down along Jutland Road and their current state/whether these have been fixed is not known
- Roads across Auckland have been subject to falling trees and debris and the Auckland Harbour Bridge has been the subject of lane closures and may close at any time. If school were to open tomorrow, some staff would have to travel reasonable distances across the city/region, which may be unsafe
- The school senior classrooms and administration block have been prone to flooding in early February 2023 and may be subject to further water ingress – however, all precautions have been taken to prevent this recurring, including taping doors and sandbagging entrances, and whether these rooms need relocating prior to opening will need to be assessed. Clarinda and James have been particularly instrumental in overseeing storm preparations and implementing additional arrangements and the Board is very appreciative of their efforts
- Students are missing more learning and socialising with their peers and may be anxious about the impacts of the cyclone
- Seesaw access codes have not been provided to all students and the classroom representative/parent email contact system for 2023 is not fully set up (including as a result of school closure due to earlier flooding). However, it may be possible to stand up some form of online learning for students via Zoom on Tuesday – the Board understands this ask places additional pressure on staff but would be very much appreciated by parents/caregivers

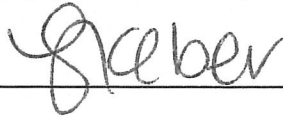
- A communication update noting the decision will be sent to parents as soon as possible (with Zoom details to follow when available)
- The Board's risk assessment frameworks are the subject of ongoing review and will be considered in light of these events in due course

The Board **resolved** that Hauraki School should remain closed for Tuesday 14 February 2023 and recommended that consideration be given by management to what if any learning can be delivered to students off-site.

The meeting closed at 3:40pm.

Next meeting: [6pm 27 February 2023].

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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Presiding Member, Board of Trustees