



March 2009 Update: Hill Top Trust Board

In this update, we have some positive news and a number of activities either already underway, or commencing.

Fiscal Update

The Board of Trustees is in the final stages of negotiating sufficient funds to cover the debts of the School. Given the financial challenges globally, this has been an extremely difficult task, so we are certainly happy to be nearing the end of it.

The funding is still to be completely finalised, but we expect that these negotiations will complete prior to the end of March 2009. At this stage, we expect to see all outstanding school debts paid out prior to the end of April 2009.

Class Update – For your interest – School Newsletter attached

The Board has committed to the school remaining open on-site for term 2

Another big thank you to the Hill Top parents who continue to keep the school grounds spic and span and help out where they can around the school.

The Ongoing Future for Hill Top School

The board of Trustees is continuing with the options worked through with the parents in 2008. An update on current progress follows:

- Discussions with the Ministry of Education are ongoing regarding integrating the school into the state school sector. Given the small size of the school now this is unlikely.
- Negotiations are ongoing with the groups showing interest in purchase of the Heaphy St property. These are looking positive and we should have more information to share regarding these in the next few weeks
- A long term structure review and plan for the school is being developed by a subcommittee of parents and the Principal. . -
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Do You Need More Information?

If you need more information then please don't hesitate to make contact via email at Board@HillTop.school.nz.

For any Educational or day-to-day management issues, please contact Mark Broadwith via the school office.