

MATUA PROPERTY SURVEY

July / August 2018



Introduction

Every 5 years, the Ministry of Education requires the Matua School Board of Trustees to create a property plan for the following 10 years.

The property plan considers our projected role growth rates, the existing condition of our buildings, and short and long term needs in terms of physical infrastructure.

The plan contains our prioritised list of building projects complete with timings, justifications and cost estimates.

The ministry reviews our plan and determines the projects they will fund over that timeframe.

The Ministry's 4 funding priorities are:

- 1. Capital works that improve Health & Safety
- 2. Essential infrastructure (the "external envelope" of buildings including cladding, roofing, windows)
- 3. "Flexible learning spaces" which brings existing spaces up to standard with modern heating, lighting, acoustics, and ventilation
- 4. Discretionary fund (for example, refurbishment of an admin block)

An early step in creating this property plan is to survey parents and caregivers on what they think the priorities should be.

This survey was conducted in July / August of 2018 and attracted 152 respondents which is approximately half of the families represented at the school at the time, which is a good representation.

Survey Team

The survey was created by the Property Committee which consists of Cameron Hayes (chair), Craig Wallis (principal), Jay Harvey (caretaker), and Sheldon Nesdale (parent trustee).

Survey Design

The survey consisted of 22 questions and was constructed using just 2 question types.

The first question type was a "likert scale" which makes a statement and asks the respondent "Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with all the following statements".

A 5 point scale was provided "Strongly disagree / Disagree / Neither agree nor disagree / Agree / Strongly agree".

The benefit of this question type is that it is quick and easy to answer, and creates very clear and understandable statistics and graphs.

The second question type was open ended where respondents were asked "Is there anything else you'd like to say about that?", which gave respondents the opportunity to provide more detail on their answer.

Summary of Survey Results

Strong support for (in priority order):

- Funding: PTA fundraising (94% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- School Pool: Maintain (91% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Classrooms: Build vertical (85% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Toilet: Student toilet improvement (84% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Sharing: Playgrounds (81% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Classrooms: Increasing the supply (77% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Outdoor spaces: Creative outdoor learning spaces (76% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Gardens: Installation (69% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Sharing: School hall (69% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Funding: Paying school fees (68% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Funding: Selling advertising (68% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Sharing: School pool (66% Agree/Strongly Agree)
 - Confusion about sharing with parents or wider community?
- Classrooms: Flexible learning spaces (66% Agree/Strongly Agree)
 - o Some opposition in the comments section

Lukewarm support for:

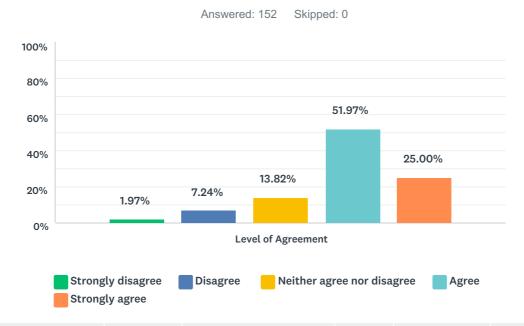
- Hall: Upgrading our hall size and function (51% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Playgrounds: Increasing the number, size and interest-level of our playgrounds (45% Agree/Strongly Agree)

Opposition to:

- Classrooms: Purchase neighbouring properties (39% Agree/Strongly Agree)
- Classrooms: Placed onto school field (10% Agree/Strongly Agree = 79% Disagree/Strongly Disagree)

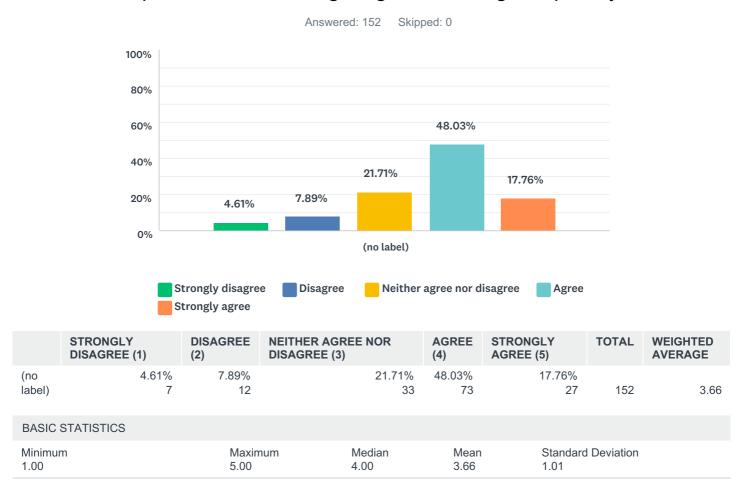
The following report presents the results of the Matua School Property Survey 2018.

Q1 "Increasing our supply of classrooms is a priority"

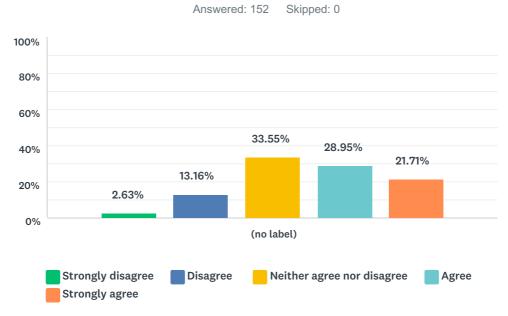


	STRONGLY DISAGREE (1)	DISAGREE (2)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (3)	AGREE (4)	STRONGLY AGREE (5)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Level of Agreement	1.97%	7.24% 11	13.82% 21	51.97% 79	25.00% 38	152	3.91
BASIC STATI	STICS						
Minimum 1.00		Maximum 5.00	Median 4.00	Mean 3.91	Standard I 0.92	Deviation	

Q2 "Upgrading existing classrooms into flexible learning spaces with improved acoustics, lighting and heating is a priority"

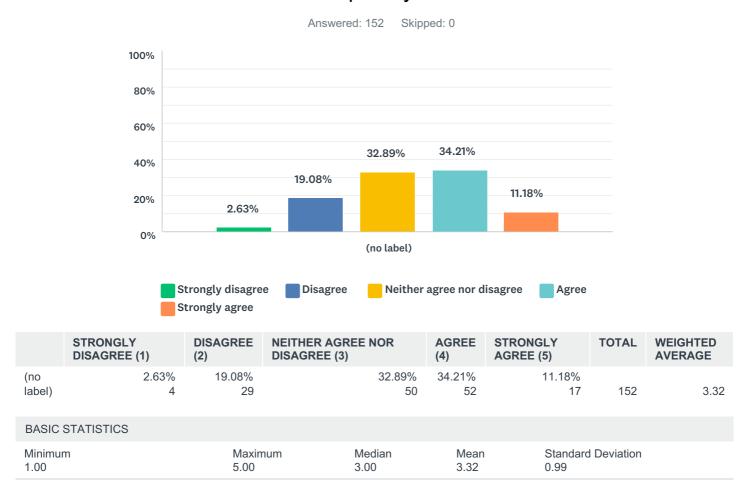


Q3 "Upgrading our hall size and function is a priority"

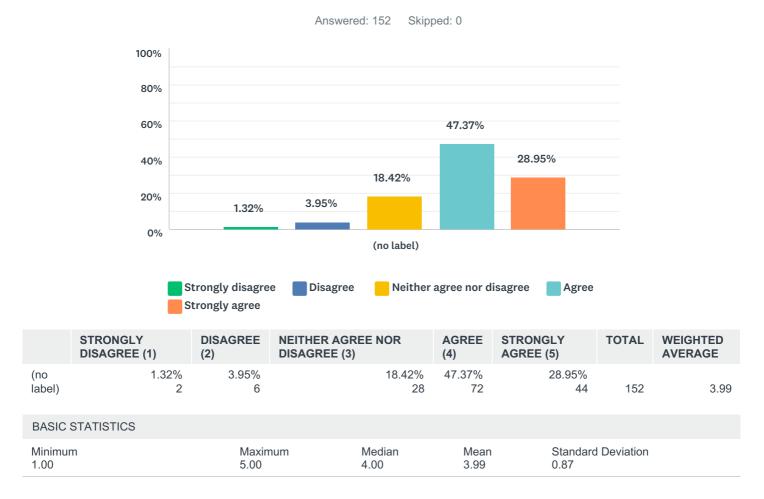


	STRONGLY DISAGREE (1)	DISAGREE (2)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (3)	AGREE (4)	STRONGLY AGREE (5)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	2.63% 4	13.16% 20	33.55% 51	28.95% 44	21.71% 33	152	3.54
BASIC	STATISTICS						
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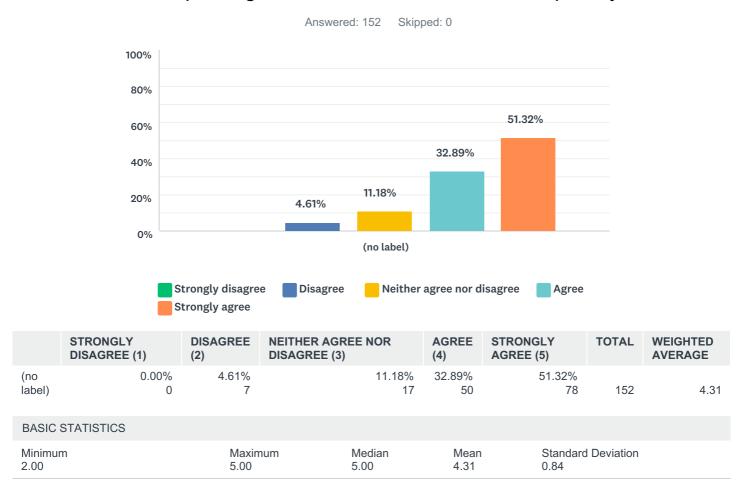
Q4 "Increasing the number, size and interest-level of our playgrounds is a priority"



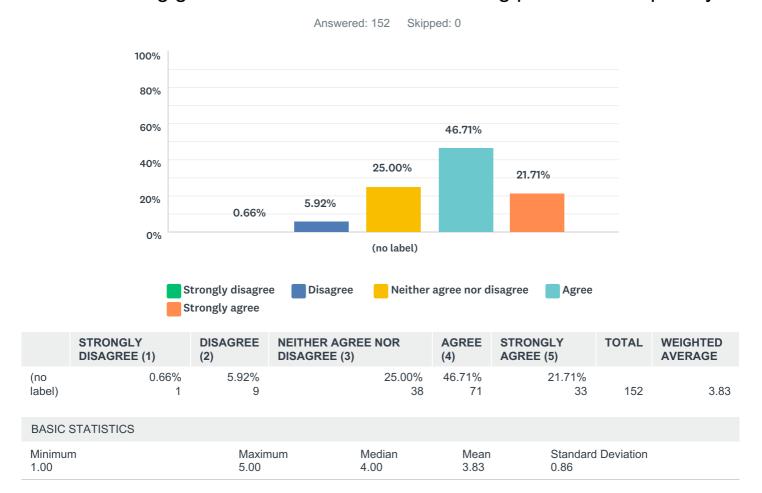
Q5 "Installing creative outdoor learning spaces is a priority (eg sustainably harvesting rainwater, growing vegetables, Leafcutter bee keeping, maker-spaces / construction"



Q6 "Improving our student toilet facilities is a priority"



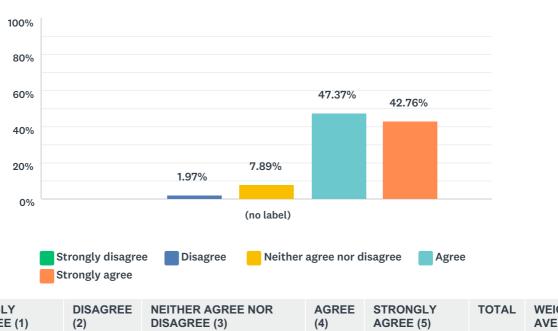
Q7 "Installing gardens to teach sustainable living practices is a priority"



Q8 "Maintaining our school pool is a priority"

Skipped: 0

Answered: 152



	STRONGLY DISAGREE (1)	DISAGREE (2)	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE (3)	AGREE (4)	STRONGLY AGREE (5)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	1.97% 3	7.89% 12	47.37% 72	42.76% 65	152	4.31
BASIC	STATISTICS						
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Q9 Anything else you'd like to say about your answers in this set of statements? [OPTIONAL]

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keeping the toilets clean is the feedback I get from my kids	8/10/2018 8:08 PM
2	I feel that the options include a mix if expensive (new hall) versus cheaper (encouraging sustainable learning) options. I believe we should be encouraging sustainability and flexible outside spaces. We do need to increase classes as the roll increases and wonder how we can utilise double story spaces to minimise impact on green (not sure what regulations exist for this and I understand it is expensive). I totally support a bathroom upgrade as a priority and keeping our school pool. I don't believe that many of our classrooms are in terrible condition and would support amenity development 1st. I think we need 1 more play ground/space pitched at the years 2-4	8/10/2018 4:50 PM
3	Additional classrooms is a priority as numbers will continue to grow with Tauranga's rapidly expanding population	8/8/2018 1:34 PM
4	PAY TEACHERS MORE THEY DESERVE IT	8/7/2018 4:52 PM
5	Some of these questions can't be answered without more information eg. I don't know if the current supply of classrooms is sufficient or not but there don't appear to be any classes without a room.	8/6/2018 3:19 PM
6	Additional classes and Gardens are a good idea but should not be at the expense of open green space.	8/2/2018 8:57 PM
7	I would not like to see the grass area be reduced any more - this is the beauty of Matua school and I feel it should be preserved. Definitely the toilet facilities need improving and the classrooms upgrading, however not at the expense of losing outdoor playing area. Maybe time to go up.	8/2/2018 10:41 AM
3	Do not build more buildings! The grass area has become very small. Get rid of the car park (put it underground) and start building up. More toilets are needed, but I suggest getting the current ones to an acceptable clean and hygenic state before adding more. No point having more dirty and desease spreading facilities.	8/2/2018 9:29 AM
9	Keeping classes sizes as small as possible is a huge priority and not having to do the large shared learning spaces such as Pillans point school	7/31/2018 7:51 AM
10	Teaching kids how to grow their own food and the importance of looking after the environment are basic survival skills forgotten. Much more important to spent money on than upgrading the hall, toilets playgrounds or pool that are fine.	7/30/2018 11:12 PM
11	I think instead of adding classrooms given limited space and the need to protect your field and outdoor spaces which means you need to build up two stories etc. Also need to check with MoE who do demographic analysis if this is a large cohort going through so may need just temporary accommodation or permanent. Sarah Fitzgerald from MoE is a key contact at MoE Tauranga.	7/30/2018 10:48 PM
12	I think we should reduce our catchment zone	7/30/2018 10:23 PM
13	The playing fields and trees are important so the children can play sport and create their own games without too much playground equipment. I'd rather they used their imaginations than have too much "junk" around the place. There would be a lot of effort in maintaining creative learning outdoor areas.	7/30/2018 9:30 PM
4	Otumoetai primary have some amazing playgrounds!	7/30/2018 9:15 PM
15	The toilets are abismal at the moment. My children don't use them at all because of the terrible state.	7/30/2018 8:39 PM
16	The senior playground is fantastic, the kids love it, a great addition to the school.	7/30/2018 5:56 PM
17	A robust sustainable infrastructure is of the utmost importance.	7/30/2018 5:47 PM
18	It would have been better to rank them in order of priority otherwise they all appear important	7/30/2018 5:47 PM

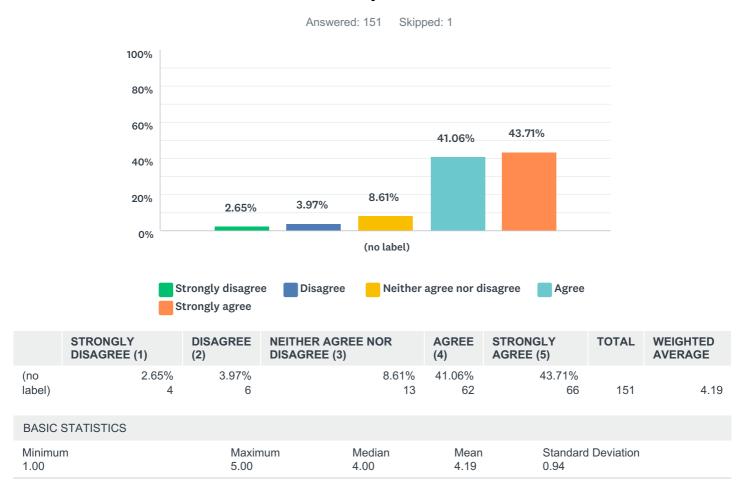
19	I strongly believe that any further classrooms that are built should replace existing rooms but be built in a multi-storey fashion. It is enormously important for our children to continue to have plenty of room to play, run around and exercise in. With an increasing roll and more classrooms built onto our children's field and playground space there will be significant overcrowding. In today's age of technology with games devices and the obesity epidemic, it is more important than ever to encourage our children to run around, play sports, exercise and give them the space in which to do this. I also believe that we should retract the Matua encatchment zone in any areas that overlap with other schools as Matua itself is continuing to infill its housing and becoming a younger neighbourhood, thus resulting in a higher roll. Other schools in the area have more land and can cope better with higher roll numbers than Matua school and it would be nice to keep Matua as a more intimate school where parents, children, teachers and the principal know each other.	7/30/2018 4:44 PM
20	it's possibly too late, and i'm imagining it would be difficult to collate the data, but this survey could have been interesting for people to list in order of priority what they value. ie i would have chosen 5) as the highest priority and 4) as the least priority. BUT yay, someone's asking us. I'd also be interested in the kids' response to this i.e. i'd like to be given an opportunity to submit again with my kids answersi'm also aware going UP is expensive BUT i would rather keep MORE green/running / nature space than increase classrooms which means losing green space, especially with the fact we may get MORE students. also re: improved acoustics - this sounds like the teachers have asked for this. i would tautoko AND be interested to know what the staff feel is important	7/30/2018 3:33 PM
21	1. the school pool is an existing facility that should be maintained from the perspective of retaining the existing investment value and a useful resource with minimal expenditure going forward. 2. Is there an overlap between 5 and 7 above? 3. maintain toilets to a good health and safety standard, but don't need flash facilities 4. classroom supply needs to keep up with the projected teacher/class size - i.e. to avoid overcrowding; however, warm, safe rooms also remain a priority. Thanks	7/30/2018 3:21 PM
22	I strongly feel that we need to prepare for further school growth before it is an issue as has occurred in the past. I feel we need to be more creative in the creation of this space as well as the placement, as it would be a terrible shame to loose more green grassed space, as this is a real asset that the school has and it would be sad to loose it. Is it possible to build up? Could the layout of the car park be modified to reduce the size without losing parking space therefore giving more building space that isn't affecting green space?	7/30/2018 3:02 PM
23	You could take away a part of the driveway to build classrooms.	7/30/2018 2:24 PM
24	I am so happy to see you are considering adding a stronger outdoor education programme to Matua School - I would love to see it become an enviro school and you certainly have alot of Matua parents experienced in this area who could advise and assist	7/30/2018 1:36 PM
25	Some of the questions roll into each other ie if we do have more classrooms and take on more students then surely we eventually will need more toilets and a bigger hall.	7/30/2018 1:10 PM
26	Preserve the green space is a high priority and look into building up.	7/30/2018 12:33 PM
27	Don't know about the halls as I don't have any info about this	7/30/2018 12:30 PM
28	The pool is a priority as new schools now are not having one installed - Matua students are so lucky to have this	7/30/2018 11:50 AM
29	My children always complain about the state of the toilets - not surprising given the number of children using them! I'm not sure how often they're checked/cleaned during the day but I think this should be a priority also, as well as building a new toilet block somewhere on site.	7/30/2018 11:27 AM
30	I love the idea of a smaller school, I hope it stays that way. Maybe less out of catchment enrolling would help keep it small.	7/30/2018 11:19 AM
31	It's hard to make comments on all of the above with out understanding the pressure and situation the current demand is having. So while all the above are listed as priorities if we understood what has the most pressure or which is most inadequately catered for in the short term then the priorities would probably change. All of them are great.	7/30/2018 11:07 AM
32	I would hate to see that by increasing the supply of classrooms would be to the detriment of outdoor spaces for the children.	7/30/2018 10:18 AM
33	Build Up, might cost most but worth it! Don't lose our space.	7/30/2018 10:08 AM
34	I think we should have been asked about new classrooms vs green space. Any new classrooms that are needed should be 2 storey classrooms. The old rooms by the caretakers shed should	7/30/2018 10:04 AM

35	Toilet facilities are totally inadequate for the number of pupils. This needs to be addressed urgently as it is creating issues for students who do not wish to use the toilets. Also, is it possible to regain the corner of the school field occupied by the kindergarten? This would meet the needs for alternative learning spaces, and provide much needed green space, which the school is steadily losing to additional classrooms.	7/30/2018 10:03 AM
36	Are classrooms allowed to be 2 storey so the school field is not impacted.	7/30/2018 9:43 AM
37	Why isn't the obvious question here regarding how to accommodate the increased number of students? "Building multi level classrooms is a priority (to reduce encroachment into the quickly receding field/green space)"	7/30/2018 9:25 AM
38	Any new classrooms need to be two story so we don't lose more greenspace.	7/30/2018 9:24 AM
39	Drinking stations by the new classrooms.	7/30/2018 9:21 AM
40	Upgrading toilet facilities is a top priority	7/30/2018 9:17 AM
41	The current toilets are in my children words "gross and dirty" so much so that they don't use them and have had several accidents because of this. It seems crazy to have one main block of toilets for the entire school as apparently the new classroom toilets can only be used by the children in those rooms!	7/30/2018 9:09 AM
42	If we give the children the understanding of life skills they will be able to live stronger and more fulfilled lives. Give a man a fish he eats for a day, teach him to fish he may eat any day.	7/30/2018 9:07 AM
43	The toilet facilities are fine but get very messy over course of the day. More frequent cleaning is essential, they're so disgusting	7/30/2018 9:06 AM

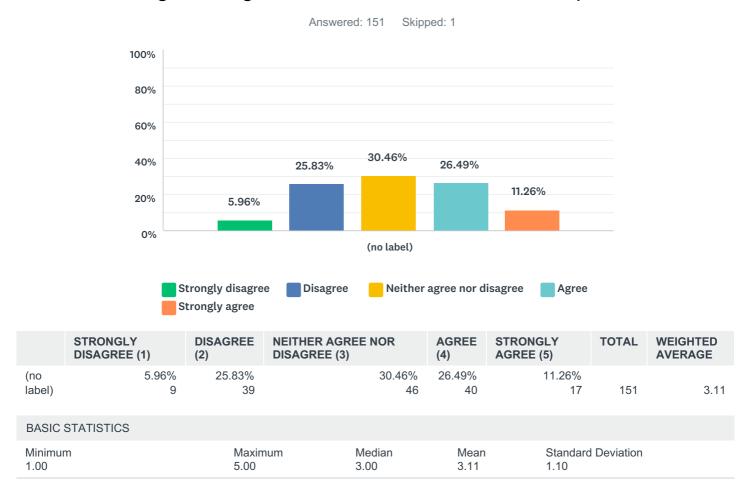
Q10 "If we need to build additional classrooms, let's utilise more of our school field"



Q11 "If we need to build additional classrooms, let's "build up" with a multi-storey structure"



Q12 "If we need to build additional classrooms, let's purchase neighbouring homes to add to the schools footprint"



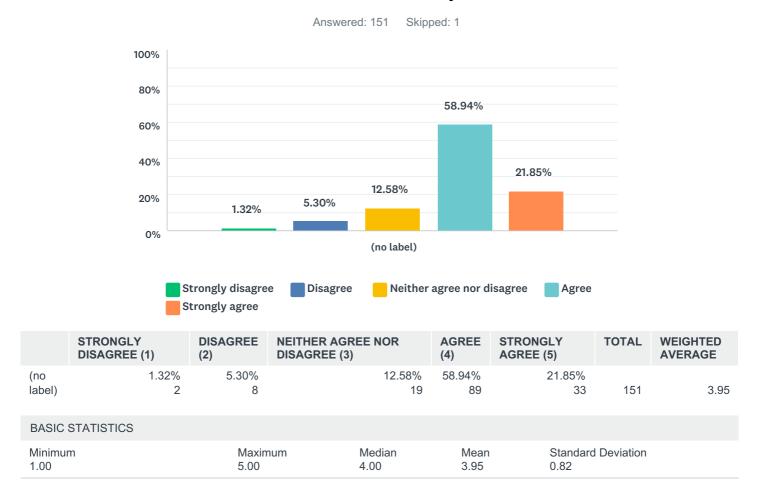
Q13 Anything else you'd like to say about your answers in this set of statements? [OPTIONAL]

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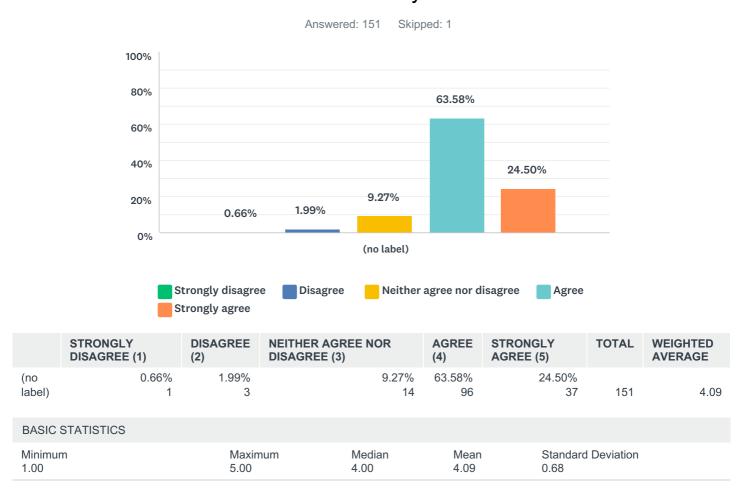
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1	Out door green space is very important for the kids to play sports etc. Based on the schools catchment area being all but fully built up it (limited opportunities for future in fill housing) would be reasonable to expect that the school role will plateau in the future. If you are also excluding out of zone enrolments	8/10/2018 8:13 PM
2	I went to school at an international school in Seoul. Space was a premium and all school levels had multi story spaces. The pool had a roof with tennis courts on top, the gymnasium/hall was ip steps with classrooms under neath. I totally understand that the moment you build higher the costs go up greatly, but I strongly feel we can not compromise what green space we have for our tamariki	8/10/2018 4:53 PM
3	Looks like the decision to build single level on the field has already been made	8/8/2018 1:35 PM
4	We believe open green space if vital to active healthy and creative children.	8/2/2018 8:58 PM
5	Don't build on the school field.	7/31/2018 10:53 AM
6	Need to keep the field space, I've seen this happen in Auckland, must build up or see if you can purchase adjoining properties (which would be difficult as you would need several).	7/30/2018 10:50 PM
7	Build up	7/30/2018 9:31 PM
8	Be creative and keep the green space!	7/30/2018 8:40 PM
9	Definitely don't use up any more field space. We have lost enough of that already!	7/30/2018 6:18 PM
10	Building up = no added footprint, Retains open play areas - vital for a childs development No need to buy neighbours - large capital outlay, ongoing rate, water costs etc not a sustainable model.	7/30/2018 5:53 PM
11	As I have said previously, anything to maintain (or even better-regain) the school fields and play spaces is top priority. My daughter in the middle school often comments that they do not have a playground for them to play in and that they must use the senior playground which is often hugely overcrowded.	7/30/2018 4:46 PM
12	It is important to retain open space, as once lost, its hard to claw back; multi storey buildings should be encouraged where they do not shade open space or other play areas, and with suitable universal access for all users (for today's tamariki, teachers and whanau, and those who may attend the school in the future). Its suggested that a future size assessment is undertaken, and then concepts as to how that could be accommodated in appropriate two storey classrooms - from there, an evaluation can be made as to whether purchase of neighbouring land may need to be part of a future strategy for development.	7/30/2018 3:25 PM
13	As per previous comments	7/30/2018 3:03 PM
14	I think the time has come for NZ to start building up a bit more, where space is tight, like Matua. We definitely want to keep our existing green area!!!!	7/30/2018 2:42 PM
15	Please don't cut into the existing green spaces any more - you don't need to and you need to remember who you are catering for - young children, who need space to run and be free	7/30/2018 1:38 PM
16	Building up seems like a good option	7/30/2018 12:30 PM
17	I think its important to think long term and not take the easiest cheapest option eg. taking more space from the field to build new rooms. I am strongly in favour of buying out bordering homes to future proof the school.	7/30/2018 12:23 PM
18	Lucky to be able to have Fergusson Park close by as a back up for events	7/30/2018 11:50 AM
19	Love that our school has a great green area & would hate to lose that	7/30/2018 11:45 AM
20	It's a shame so much of the school field has disappeared in the last 2 years. In hindsight it would have been much better to build two storied classrooms. I wouldn't want to see any more of the field taken up - kids need a big green space to run around.	7/30/2018 11:29 AM

21	Create a multi story car parking facility in the current car park and reduce parking footprint and put classrooms there. Do not compromise playing fields. Look 20 years into the future and be proud of holding the green space.	7/30/2018 11:12 AM
22	I'd see building up as first priority, but if it's possible to locate a suitable home to ci very to a learning space, then that's equally great.	7/30/2018 11:10 AM
23	Please don't make outdoor playing/sports areas any smaller!	7/30/2018 10:19 AM
24	Would agree with 12 if the property values weren't at the historical high levels they currently are.	7/30/2018 10:11 AM
25	About q 12. The Ministry would have to buy the extra properties not the school? We have to go up.	7/30/2018 10:07 AM
26	The outdoor spaces, field etc need to be protected and not be diminished due to encroachment. This isn't Manhattan!	7/30/2018 9:34 AM
27	If you are increasing roll numbers, the field will become to small if you take anymore to build classes. Compared to the local schools around we have very little play areas.	7/30/2018 9:25 AM
28	At the end of the day children need space to play, I doubt that you will be able to take the kids to Fergusson park each break time for play, so purchasing more land may be the answer to fit in more classrooms.	7/30/2018 9:09 AM
29	Any thoughts on another school in Matua?	7/30/2018 9:02 AM

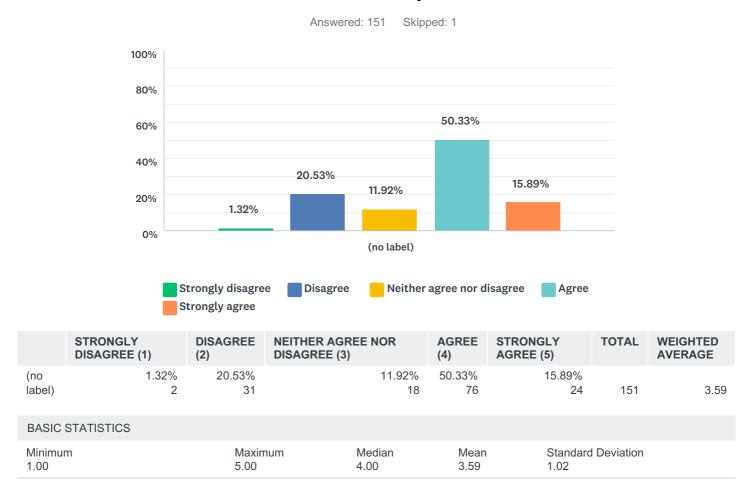
Q14 "I am comfortable with sharing our school playgrounds with the wider community"



Q15 "I am comfortable with sharing our school hall with the wider community"



Q16 "I am comfortable with sharing our school pool with the wider community"



Q17 Anything else you'd like to say about your answers in this set of statements? [OPTIONAL]

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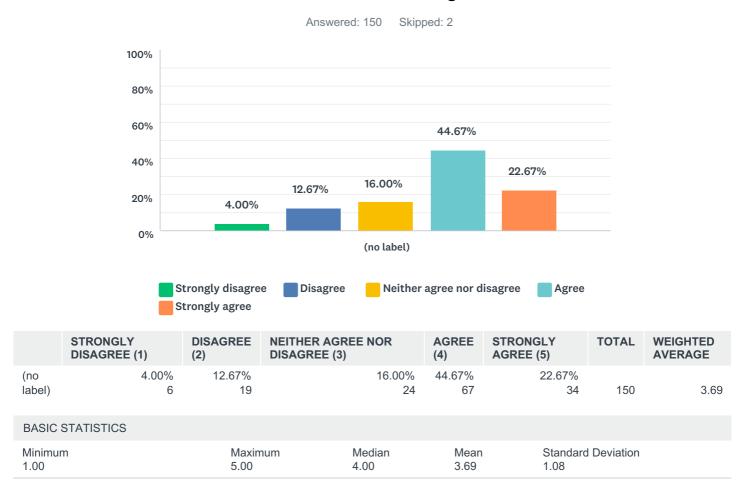
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1	Sharing or Hire age of school facilities is OK out of school hours only,	8/10/2018 8:25 PM
2	The playgrounds are already used by the community whether officially advertised or not and the hall was used for the night owl cinema. Not only do some of these uses provide an additional revenue stream, it raises the profile of the school in the community. We just need to make sure that the facilities can cope with the use	8/10/2018 4:57 PM
3	The school is a community facility that should be able to be utilised outside school hours. The pool already has a lot of use.	8/8/2018 1:36 PM
4	The school pool could be available for Accessable and affordable swimming lessons outside of school hours.	8/2/2018 9:01 PM
5	If you mean Matua community yes definately, not the pool for wider than that community as it is busy enough as it is.	8/2/2018 10:44 AM
6	It is better to share only on weekend.	8/1/2018 11:18 AM
7	Sharing the pool as long as there are controls in place & other users pay for the service	7/30/2018 10:30 PM
8	Would need to know more details regarding question 14 before feeling comfortable.	7/30/2018 10:00 PM
9	Often in the weekend the school grounds are busy with the community using it now	7/30/2018 9:32 PM
10	A pool extended to the wider community opens up the need for more maintenance and contamination/hygiene issues, lost keys, etc. Surely the cost would outway benefits.	7/30/2018 5:56 PM
11	Maintaining or even enlarging/upgrading the school pool to allow afterschool and weekend swimming lessons (along side "key holder" swimming) would also have great benefits for our children by improving their swimming abilities. Allowing the community to utilise the school hall whennit is not needed by Matua school (particularly if it allowed Matua to be able to upgrade it) would be great for Matua school.	7/30/2018 4:50 PM
12	do you mean sharing our playground in the weekends and after school. if this is the question then YES. it brings the community together, it helps families get to know each other, its a way to settle our children into the school. i'm not sure i feel comfortable with sharing during school time hence answering neither disagree or agree	7/30/2018 3:35 PM
13	In all cases, there needs to remain the right controls in place to ensure that the asset is protected, and that community users are responsible for their use of the asset. Outdoor spaces should form part of the wider community, while indoor spaces need a stronger policy approach around responsibilities for community users (such as specific user groups - sports, education, wellbeing, etc).	7/30/2018 3:28 PM
14	The schools assets should be considered community assets, it is so nice seeing the number of families utilising the playgrounds, pool, courts etc on the weekend. It adds a lot to the community environment to have these available outside of school hours	7/30/2018 3:06 PM
15	Sharing the school environment with the wider community, encourages a sense of envolvment and improves the sustainability of our resources.	7/30/2018 2:45 PM
16	From what I understand, the pool got very busy over summer which then impacts on water quality and also use for those who booked such as sKids. so perhaps opening to the wider community is not ideal.	7/30/2018 2:15 PM
17	As long as any groups using those spaces on a regular basis have been checked for safety around children - the children are always the first priority	7/30/2018 1:39 PM
18	School is part of the community and being open to sharing the facilities subject to health and safety is a great way of connecting with our community	7/30/2018 12:34 PM
19	Great idea!	7/30/2018 11:11 AM
20	Depends on definitions of wider community of within school zone area ok if outside do not agree	7/30/2018 10:32 AM
21	Absolutely. Matua is a great community and the school is a central part of that. It makes great economic sense to share spaces amongst the community.	7/30/2018 10:20 AM

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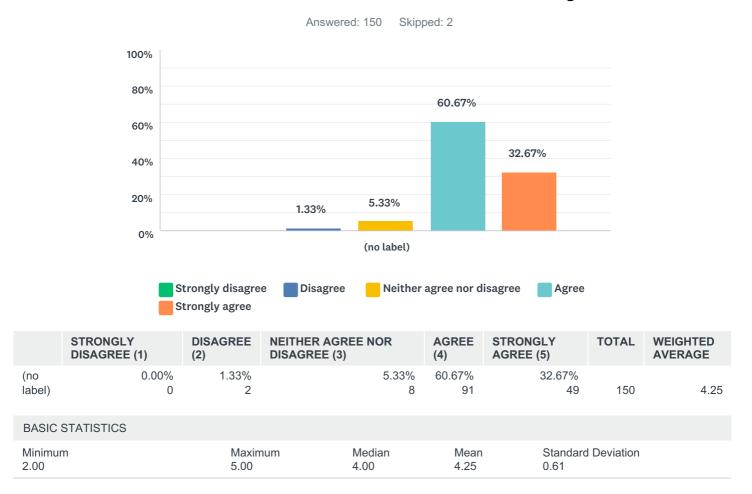
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22	kids should not be playing in the school grounds out of hours without supervision. That is where school vandalism begins.	7/30/2018 9:27 AM
23	The pool should remain for families connected to the school	7/30/2018 9:15 AM

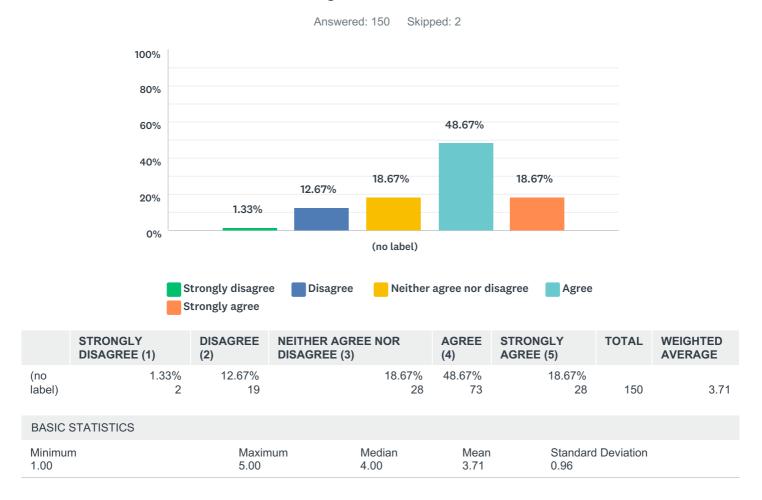
Q18 "Paying school fees is an essential and welcome element of school fundraising"



Q19 "PTA fundraising activities (gala, raffles etc) is an essential and welcome element of the school fundraising"



Q20 "Selling space to businesses on our buildings, fencing, newsletters, clothing and other resources is a welcome element of school fundraising that we should do more of"



Q21 Anything else you'd like to say about your answers in this set of statements? [OPTIONAL]

Answered: 26 Skipped: 126

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More information regarding selling space to businesses needs to be explained before a comment can be made - there is a vast difference between advetising in school buildings compared to on a newsletter.	8/11/2018 10:43 PM
2	I agree that fundraising is essential, disagree that it is welcomed by all. There needs to be boundaries placed on corporate sponsorship, signs in fences is OK, small corporate logos on sport uniforms is OK, Corporate logo's on standard school uniforms is not OK. I accept and understand that we need to pay school fees to top up the coffers fundamentally believe it is wrong but that is a Govt issue not a school one.	8/10/2018 8:31 PM
3	I am not supportive of selling the space on normal school uniforms. But agree that in newsletters, on buildings etc is good use of the space	8/10/2018 4:59 PM
4	School fees are donations it is not reasonable to be sending out "money owing" letters to parents as the school has been doing this month.	8/8/2018 1:37 PM
5	PTA fundraising is welcome but i find many elements are not things i would normally want to buy and it feels like i would be better to pay a fee than support those purchases for a smaller % going to the school. Gala is great fun but things like the disaster plasters, chocolate bars etc are of no interest	8/4/2018 10:23 AM
6	Give parents the option of paying more if they can afford it for school fees, while giving others options of not paying if they cant afford	7/30/2018 10:52 PM
7	Please don't put up school fees!!	7/30/2018 10:31 PM
8	Regarding 20i wouldn't want to see too much more advertising around the school.	7/30/2018 10:02 PM
9	The events organised by the PTA play a vital role in creating a "school community" .	7/30/2018 9:39 PM
10	Do not make the school "donation" compulsory. Some families just can't afford it.	7/30/2018 6:20 PM
11	Our school and children are not billboards for business. Business when gifting funds should be acknowledged through the newsletter only. We are playing with fire when we advertise business with a childs education - we are never certain of the unethical/ethical culture of a business.	7/30/2018 6:01 PM
12	I believe that schooling should be free in new Zealand and parents should not feel forced to pay voluntary school fees as not all families can afford this and for some families this money would be better spent allowing their children to be able to play sports etc. Better fundraising initiatives with higher earning potential and sponsorship from businesses and wealthy families or individuals are a better way of earning money for our school.	7/30/2018 4:54 PM
13	Fees and fundraising: are considered appropriate, but allowance must be made for those families that may not be as advantaged as others and struggle to make such contributions. Commercial advertising: Overall, it is important not to open up schools and our tamariki and whanau to over commercialisation and unnecessary advertising. While it obviously brings in important funding, there needs to be policy around this which looks carefully around how it is done. For example, do we want the first impression of visitors to the school to be about a local business, or about the philosophies we share on the way our children learn? And can we encourage businesses to look more creatively how they advertise or are involved in the school? Are there more subtle ways to share the value a business may bringing to the school, such as in newsletters or within an art installation, rather than a hording?? Cheers	7/30/2018 3:37 PM
14	less permanent advertising the better.	7/30/2018 3:35 PM
15	Whilst I realise that not all families are able to meet the commitment of paying school fees, I do feel that as a higher decile school, if we are able it is a small amount to ask to ensure we have the resources to give our children the best opportunities to learn. The decile system is highly misinterpreted and many believe that a higher decile means the school is better. The misunderstood crucial part is that we get less funding, so it is up to the parents and the community to provide the short fall. Our school fees are quite low, compared to many schools, and our PTA funding efforts could be a lot higher with more corporate involvement.	7/30/2018 3:16 PM

16	We support the concept of leveraging school assets to the wider community and socially responsible busineses to raise revenues for the school.	7/30/2018 2:56 PM
17	With more parents working it does make it difficult to do as much fundraising & then these tends to fall on a small group of people to do the lions share. For this reason I think #20 would be a good option.	7/30/2018 11:47 AM
18	I think there is definitely more opportunity to raise money through sponsorship. But it needs to be finely balanced.	7/30/2018 11:16 AM
19	these all become excuses for inadequate government funding	7/30/2018 11:03 AM
20	The Ministry of Education needs to be made more aware of, petitioned for, the need for greater central government funding into education and not rely on the local community for top ups. The school is a school for education, not a fundraiser for what the government should be paying for.	7/30/2018 10:48 AM
21	I think that selling advertising on fencing, newsletters and other resources would be good - I wouldn't however be happy with advertising on uniforms.	7/30/2018 10:48 AM
22	I think we need to use sponsorship more.	7/30/2018 10:09 AM
23	How about a "guilt free pass" for parents who are able to contribute financially but who do not have time to give to school events or to baking, making, manning etc? This could be a one-off donation of \$200 per year to the PTA. The family will still contribute extra by attending school galas etc, but it could be a useful source of funds, and a conscience salve for working parents.	7/30/2018 10:07 AM
24	I think if donations were cheaper there would be more paying parents. Even offering the first term discount like previous years. A lot of parents have more than one child then with donations, books, stationary, all the fundraising, school closures were parents need holiday programs it becomes to much and donations became last priority	7/30/2018 9:29 AM
25	Having a lot of advertising on school buildings is tacky. On newsletters etc is fine.	7/30/2018 9:15 AM
26	The government should do more	7/30/2018 9:04 AM

Q22 What else would you like to say?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 109

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1	What is school policy on children enroling ehen they live in zone but then move away. It would be interesting to know if this impacts on the role at all.	8/11/2018 10:43 PM
2	I genuinely believe that based on the demographic of the surrounding community that we are unlikely to experience high density housing within the school catchment area and the majority of infill housing has already happened which should naturally limit the current upward trend on the school role. By limiting out of zone enrolments the upward trend in the school role should plateau. If you need more classrooms build up, not out and give the kids a decent field to run around on, or buy out a neighbour. Our youngest is in his last year at Matua and we would like to thank the school, PTA and the board over this time, we have had a fantastic experience and will miss our close involvement with Matua primary, Cheers guys and girls.	8/10/2018 8:39 PM
3	I believe as a parent that we are pretty lucky at our school and the facilities. Knowing the challenges that the school faces I would support an increase in the school donation as well as an option to pay an additional donation (like you see with other charities -write here the amount you wish to pay) so that it can be ysed as a tax write off with reciept. Other options include asking for a \$100 or appropriate amount as an excursions fee at the start of the year to pay for all life education trust visits, art gallery trips etc and basically sell it as we won't ask for money again. It would remove some of the need for lindo and would also mean the money at the start of the year could be invested and interest used to help towards costs.	8/10/2018 5:04 PM
4	Matua School has grown significantly over the last few years. But it would be a shame to not have the facilities to cope with more students, larger classes and not enough resources.	8/9/2018 1:23 PM
5	If the school is 'zoned' then surely children who move out of zone should move schools? Perhaps this would be a way to control number of pupils. I know a number of students who no longer live in zone.	8/6/2018 1:14 PM
6	Unfortunately with the modern learning environments there is going to be an increased spread of illness amongst children in the school. I would like to have the classroom options that my child is not in that sort of environment as it appears internationally this is not the way forward, and it appears there is no evidence to say it is beneficial to our children's learning in fact most that I have read is the opposite. Definately need to reduce the zone and numbers in being accepted out of zone. Its up to council/provide more schools in areas if they keep building more houses and cramming people in but not providing the facilities required for the population growth. Thanks for opportunity to provide feedback.	8/2/2018 10:51 AM
7	See first comment.	8/2/2018 9:32 AM
8	catering to the increase in students with mental and emotional needs (anxiety issue etc) on site counselor and support for teachers in this area. catching these problems early before they become real issues as teenagers. mental health is going to be a real issue for a school of 600 students.	7/31/2018 10:09 PM
9	Maintain outdoor spaces as much as possible. Building up does not have to be too expensive if done carefully especially with new structures.	7/31/2018 3:56 PM
10	Flexible learning spaces are not in the best interests of all kids, ie those finding it hard to concentrate, so retaining a mix of classroom types is preferable.	7/31/2018 1:29 PM
11	Maybe fencing in areras such as the road entrances for safety of our special needs children	7/31/2018 1:21 PM
12	In growing you need to ensure increased support for those who need extra assistance in their education. Cultural diversity will be important.	7/30/2018 10:53 PM
13	We need to be careful with the school size that it doesn't lose the lovely small school feel that it still has at the moment where teachers know all/most of the pupils.	7/30/2018 10:32 PM
14	I think we should reduce our catchment area, we should be improving the the toilet facilities at the school instead of wasting money on sandpits and expensive playground equip,ent	7/30/2018 10:28 PM
15	Thanks for the opportunity to take part in a survey about this issue.	7/30/2018 9:39 PM
16	Build up (likely to annoy neighbours, but best way forward)	7/30/2018 7:05 PM

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18	It is critial our school is seen as a progressive innovative educational facility towards environmental issues. Long term thinking, investment will create reduced ongoing costs, robust recycling program, partnerships with business/charity to create sustainable systems, using passive energy systems, solar power, water preservation, garden to table, permaculture thinking. A love of learning through the connection of nature, art, crafts and inagination.	7/30/2018 6:09 PM
19	Our children's education is extremely important and I would hate to see the quality of teaching decrease due to rising school or class numbers. It is also important to maintain green open spaces as due to infilling of housing a lot of people no longer have space to run around in at home and teaching the importance of sport and exercise at a young age will reduce the risk of inactivity leading to unhealthy lifestyles.	7/30/2018 4:58 PM
20	1. Aim to stay the 'coolest little school in Tauranga' - retain and enhance those things that make Matua School what it is today, and look to the future to become model for other growing schools. 2. Keep talking with tamariki and whanua 3. Retain and build on the existing cultural identity, through the way spaces and buildings are designed, and by promoting an inclusive environments. 4. Plan for the future - prepare a few concepts for the school, establishing a strong vision and looking at the different ways it could grow in multiple staged - 5years, 10 years 20 years - use this as a platform for planning future growth now and in the future. 5. Promote a modern physical environment - spaces full of lots of people can be really exciting, vibrant spaces that facilitate learning and sharing of ideas (and can be more financially viable) as long as it is supported by good design outcomes that meet the needs of the users - e.g. universal access, diversity in spaces, quiet spaces, etc.	7/30/2018 3:47 PM
1	i prefer a smaller school. i worry my kids will get metaphorically 'lost' in a large roll and a physically large school. i am not 'pro' getting bigger.	7/30/2018 3:36 PM
2	I think the questions covered the crucial aspects that need to be considered. Build up not out, preserve the green space, it is precious. So many things are moving in positive direction with the school, it is great to see you seeking the communities feedback on this matter.	7/30/2018 3:22 PM
23	No further green space lost to building activities. Work towards reducing or at very least maintain teacher/ student ratio f.e. 28 max. 30 pupils/ class. Definitely start building up to cope with demand for new classrooms.	7/30/2018 3:03 PM
24	As a parent my responses are largely uninformed by the school's current use and needs for facilities. I would be loath to see the school greenspace shrink. Teaching sustainability should be essential now, our children will have to deal with the effects of climate change and much more restrictions on resources than we ever had to consider. Being able to grow and prepare your own food is a fundamental life skill that is not taught comprehensively or at all in some homes so why not incorporate it into school teaching.	7/30/2018 2:42 PM
:5	You should go multi levels and keep the greens. Of course the toilets have to increase as the students increase.	7/30/2018 2:27 PM
26	I really wouldn't want more space taken up by classrooms and would prefer a multistorey option, green space will become more limited as many areas subdivide and so on and having a big school field is a lovely bonus for many children.	7/30/2018 2:17 PM
27	1. Matua school is a great school as compared to other school. We have competitive teachers and learning environment is very nice as well as kids behavior. 2. Think about the multi storey building to accommodate the growing numbers of students. It will consume less space for the building but with high no.of students to accommodate. 3. One of the challenges to face is the numbers of teachers. We also need additional teachers.	7/30/2018 2:00 PM
28	Please stop cutting down the trees and please replace those that you have cut down. Other than that, I love the school and I have been involved with it for the past eight years I would have loved to see the recent changes happen years ago and I think they are great, in principal. But don't become like an Auckland school, sacrificing green space for buildings. Its a New Zealand primary school, keep it green xxxxx	7/30/2018 1:42 PM
29	I love the improvements that have been made to the school buildings/playgrounds in recent years. The school looks safe and well-presented. Two storied classrooms would be expensive but a logical way to grow in future so we can retain our school field.	7/30/2018 11:33 AM
30	Do agree with limiting out of zone enrolments. Siblings of existing children are fine if live out of zone.	7/30/2018 11:21 AM
14	Keeping the community feel to the school. So important.	7/30/2018 11:17 AM
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33	Please don't go down the route in making the classrooms into open plan 'carpet barns' to squeeze in more students to increase class sizes with the same number, or even reduced number of teachers. The classrooms you have now work well - 25 students in one class with focussed teaching in their own area not 3 classes sharing one relatively open area with increased noise, distractions, areas for students to become 'lost' in, 'hideaway' and go under the radar of the teacher(s). Once something is gone, it's very hard to get it back.	7/30/2018 10:54 AM
34	Totally in agreement about negotiating a zone change. I have thought this should have happened a couple years ago.	7/30/2018 10:54 AM
35	Available verses roll growth.	7/30/2018 10:25 AM
36	No out of zone, no siblings if out of zone. Keeping zone as people have bought for Matua zone.	7/30/2018 10:12 AM
37	We can not use anymore of our grass for more classrooms. The playing fields are as important as the classrooms.	7/30/2018 10:10 AM
88	Consideration to keeping class sizes as small as possible. Adaptive learning spaces and innovative fundraising.	7/30/2018 9:57 AM
9	Class rooms need to go up, not out.	7/30/2018 9:37 AM
-0	I think the zoning needs to be looked at. Perhaps it needs to be reduced to keep Matua School a small community school which is why we chose to live here and have our children attend it.	7/30/2018 9:18 AM
1	Green space is important- the trees and field at Matua are an attractive part of the school. There could definitely be more of a focus on sustainability rather than technology- It is a shame to see the garden areas that have been created being full of weeds and not a lot of attention seems to be given to green spaces at the school- could have some nice native plantings around perhaps.	7/30/2018 9:15 AM
12	Quality education over quantity please. I really enjoy watching our families thrive at Matua School.	7/30/2018 9:15 AM
13	Make sure we have above average staff to student numbers and that we are properly providing for special needs students	7/30/2018 9:00 AM

Conclusion

The Matua School Property Survey 2018 has achieved it's purpose of gathering input from parents and caregivers in terms of what they think the priorities for our school should be over the next 10 years.

Thank you to those who took the time to respond to the survey in July / August 2018.

We will be in touch with our progress later.

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