

Principals Column

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Next Monday we will be excited to be opening a new facility in our school which is in effect a Multi-Purpose Room. The Te Kieke (Mt Somers) Room is a space that will benefit the children of our school greatly as it provides us with a large indoor space that we can easily come together in as a school, and with a kitchen that is big enough to have classes use it as a teaching and learning space.



In times where it is often a struggle to get adequate classroom or other work space quickly, we feel very fortunate to be able to have this room for our school. In working with the contractors, McIntosh Construction, via our Project Manager Wynne at School Support, and Jared our Architect, the process went smoothly and we were kept well informed along the way. The contractor and sub-contractors were efficient and courteous in and around the school site and there were no issues that you might have previously thought there would have been around a building site. It was a pleasure dealing with conscientious construction professionals.

We have had a few test runs in the facility before its official opening and time and money will determine the extras that get added later, but in the meantime, it has been great to have members of the community in for a look around to see how it might also benefit them in the future. The Board of Trustees within their strategic plan are keen to make this a space that will benefit the wider community as a meeting place for a range of activities.

In a small community such as the one our school is part of, it is important that we have a space that people can meet in and feel as though they have belonging within the wider community whether they have children at school or not. That is what we hope to achieve with this space.

We look forward to hosting Hon. Jo Goodhew, MP for Rangitata and Mayor Angus McKay as we open this room for the benefit of the school and wider community, and we are grateful for such a wonderful resource.

Do call in and have a look if you are ever passing by.