

# Free Kindergartens

## Pukerua Bay Preschool

### Update

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# Purpose of Meeting

1. To provide an update for users of the service, and the community, about the status of the project
2. To gauge feedback on ideas and thoughts regarding plans



# Background

- Pukerua Bay Preschool established in 1980s
- Licensed for 13 children – “toddling” through to 5 yr olds
- Session times:
  - Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri mornings: 9am – 1pm
  - Thursdays used by Plunket
- 2 part time teachers
- Fees charged
- Long waiting lists



# Background

- August 2006 discussions with Association began :  
“Framework of Values”
  - Small, friendly atmosphere
  - Intimate-feeling environment
  - Ratios
  - Group size
  - Consistency of staff
  - 4 hour sessions starting at 9am
  - Term-time only
  - Parent Help roster maintained
  - 13 child limit
  - Ideally suited to “walking age” – 9months to 5 years
  - Available to wider than Pukerua Bay – not zoned
  - Shared morning tea, shared lunch – structure of the day



# Background

- Aspects of Service Where Change Desirable:
  - Proper toilet
  - Office/storage space
  - 5 sessions per week



# Background

- July 2007, preschool joined Association – 58<sup>th</sup> kindergarten
- 2008, Head Teacher position made full time
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher appointed (improved ratios)
  - Moved from four to five mornings
  - October 2008, discussion on change of hours at Pukerua Bay Kindergarten
- April 2009 (Term 2), Kindergarten hours changed to enable Preschool to again admit Under 2s
- 2008 – 2010 ongoing discussion with Plunket and PCC regarding lease and ownership of Preschool building and land

# Background

- 2010, agreement with Plunket to buy Preschool building
- Agreement with PCC to transfer land lease
- Government Budget announcements mean cuts to ECE funding
  - re-assessment of possible kindergarten projects



# Background

- 2011 Reclassification Process undertaken by Porirua City Council
  - triggered by our wish to develop the building area, not because we intend to extend into the reserve area.
  - Submissions made
  - Council determines to apply to reclassify
- Reclassification signed off by Minister for Conservation in October



# Future Process

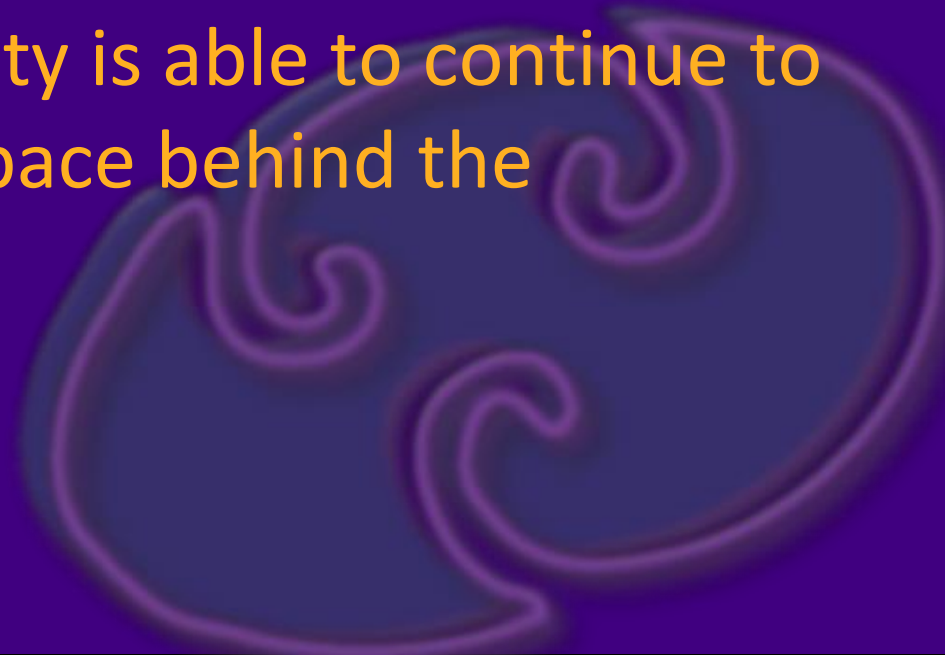
When/if Association determines to develop building:

- Must apply for Resource Consent
- Before applying, will consult further with community and neighbours to attempt to get a design that everyone is happy with
- Will also seek support of “affected parties” as part of resource consent process
- If disagreement, may go to a hearing where three Councillors make a decision
- Will then apply for Building Consent
- Tenders then called for building project
- Construction plan developed with timeline

We cannot make decisions about the design for consultation and consequential resource consent application until we are more clear of possible funding changes – possibly March 2012

# When applying for Resource Consent we will have to...

- Address the issues of parking and traffic
- Address any environmental/regulatory requirements
- Ensure the community is able to continue to access the reserve space behind the kindergarten



# Possible Future Plans

- Vision: to create a pleasant ECE space for children and families that can be used as a community space to enhance the Pukerua Bay community.
  - playgrounds for infants, toddlers and young children
  - used by community outside of session times

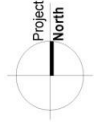
The following concept drawings illustrate our thoughts at this stage...



# Possible Concept – Aerial View

**KEY**

- Outline of original (demolished) building
- Outline of new building
- Site boundaries



Locality Plan  
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# Possible Structure – East & West Elevations



1 East Elevation  
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1 West Elevation  
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# Possible Structure – North & South Elevations

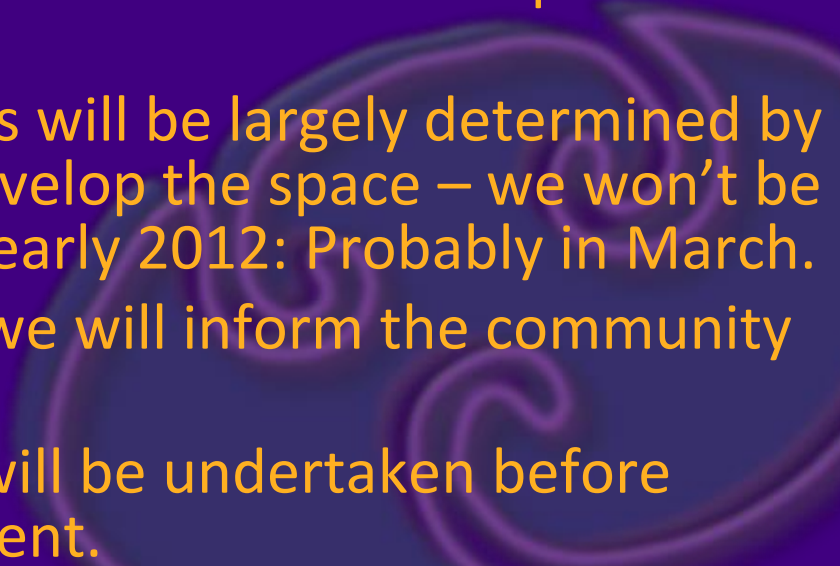


1 North Elevation  
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1 South Elevation  
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# In Summary...

- Pre-school building needs to develop or close
  - We need to extend the number of places
  - We need to extend the options of hours (4 and 6 hours, up to two days)
  - We can develop a Memorandum of Understanding that includes undertakings around prioritisation.
  - We need community support to further develop a community asset.
  - The timing of developments will be largely determined by availability of funding to develop the space – we won't be making any decisions until early 2012: Probably in March.
  - Once we make a decision, we will inform the community and Preschool families
  - Then further consultation will be undertaken before applying for Resource Consent.
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# Thanks !

