Mairehau Parish Site

Community Update

The next step in Bishop Jones' consolidation and planned redevelopment of parish worship and Catholic primary schooling on the Mairehau site at Innes Road has been taken with the appointment of a contractor for the construction of new school buildings on the site.

The new buildings are being constructed to provide extra capacity for future primary schooling needs in the parish. The Ministry of Education is consulting on the process by which consolidation of St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima schools might occur. Minister Parata, the Minister of Education, will then consider the feedback when making her final decision about the Bishop's proposal to cancel the integration agreements for both schools. We expect to have this decision by the end of Term 4.

We do not know what the Minister's final decision will be. Accordingly, the arrangements for primary schooling in the parish are still being discussed and developed. However, the development of the Mairehau site reflects the need for new buildings given the loss of buildings at the former St Paul's School site at Gayhurst Road.



The contract for the construction of the replacement buildings has been awarded to Arrow International (NZ) Ltd.

This project will be managed by Opus International Consultants Ltd.

Construction will commence in the week beginning 3 November 2014 and the contractor will begin to establish on site from 28 October 2014.

It is anticipated that there will be a construction period of at least 12 months.

A further community statement giving details on the contractor's approved health & safety plan for the site will be provided in the near future; prior to construction work commencing.

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