

Campbells Bay School Board of Trustees Term 4 Newsletter – November 2013



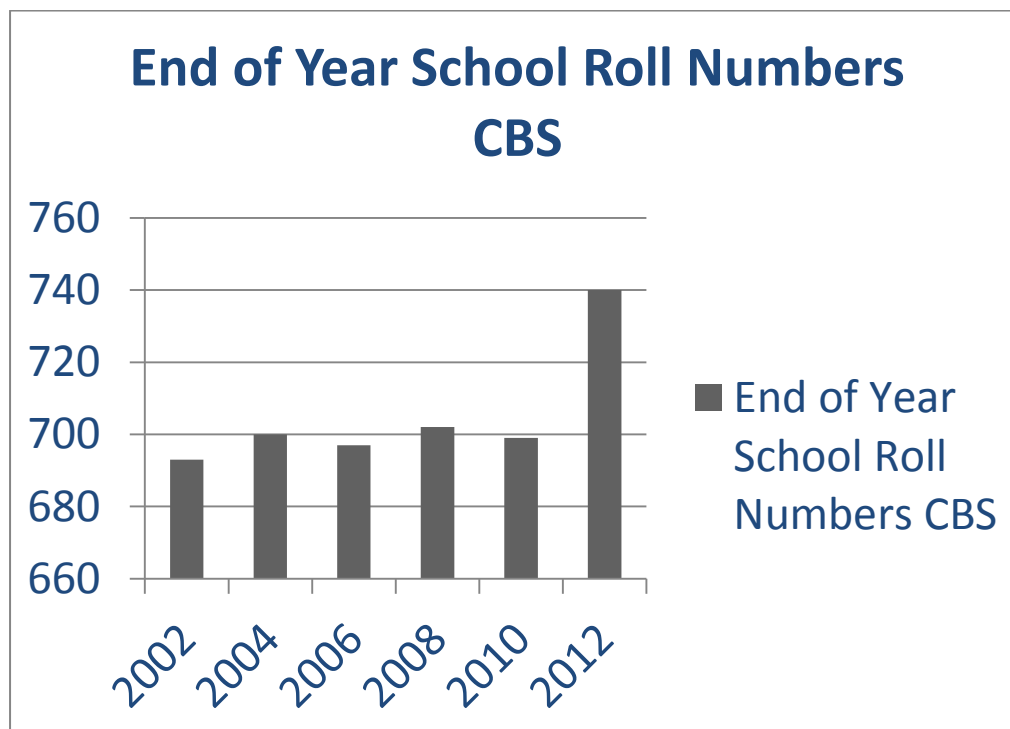
Dear Parents and Community Members

Enrolments

You may have seen in a recent school newsletter* that the Board has tightened up the implementation of the enrolment scheme, effective immediately. This is in response to the issue of an increasing student roll.

Background

In 1994, when it became apparent that Campbells Bay School could become overcrowded (in the context of accommodation available for students at that time) the Board of Trustees, with approval from the Ministry of Education, adopted an enrolment scheme in compliance with the Education Act 1989. The zone was based on the actual geographical enrolment pattern of students then attending Campbells Bay School. Since the scheme was adopted the student roll has increased, along with other schools in our area, with classrooms being provided by the Ministry of Education (See graph, below).



As you can see, the enrolment pattern of students at CBS was remarkably stable for many years with the end of year student roll being in the 690 – 700 region from 2002 until 2011. The enrolment scheme worked. Clearly, it has been a different story during the past two years and CBS has not been alone in experiencing this rapid roll growth – it is a phenomenon that has been experienced by schools in our area and in other parts of Auckland

Planning

The Ministry of Education is funding a new block containing eight classrooms. Five classrooms will provide for our increased student roll while three classrooms will replace Rooms 15 – 17 that will be demolished as they have reached the end of their life span. To accommodate students during the building project additional relocatable classrooms will be required. These will be placed on the field to the northern end of the existing relocatables and on the north facing bank between the tar seal and the field in front of Rooms 7 – 14. The exact number of relocatable classrooms required is still subject to discussions between the school and the Ministry. These relocatable classrooms will not become a permanent feature of the landscape of the school. It is our intention to have the relocatables removed during the 2014/2015 summer holidays, provided the Ministry of Education is able to meet this timeline as it is a Ministry responsibility.

In February 2014 the Board will be meeting with the Ministry of Education to discuss what the implications are for the school and for schools in our area based on the demographic data the Ministry has. It is expected that this meeting will provide the Board with a clear indication of what needs to be planned for in the next five years or so. This information will be conveyed to you as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Our planning for 2014 indicates that all classes will be within our preferred student maximums for each year level. With the advent of the new eight classroom block we will have a purpose-built facility that will encompass the best of what is known about creating an environment that is as conducive as possible to learning.

End of the 2013 Year

With the end of the school year fast approaching it is appropriate to extend to our graduating year six students our very best wishes. The graduation ceremony for our year six students will be held on the evening of 11 December. It is a milestone event and we acknowledge that these students have benefitted enormously from the input of so many people both on the home front and at school.

The final end of year event for the school will be the concert, scheduled for Monday 16 December at 6.00 pm with a postponement date being the next evening. The concert will again be held on the field and we look forward to a big turn out to celebrate with our talented children while taking time to relax in the (hopefully) balmy weather with friends and family.

Best wishes

Campbells Bay School Board of Trustees

*Board of Trustees notice 29 October 2013: For many years there has been no automatic right to enrol siblings of children already at Campbells Bay School if the family moves out of the school's home zone. In those cases, the Board has had discretion as to whether to accept an enrolment. In the past it has usually been possible to accept such enrolments as space has been available.

Steady roll growth, a limit on space, and the possibility of a surge in enrolments in coming years means that the Board has had to reconsider its enrolment policy. After careful consideration of the available options the Board has passed a resolution which provides, with immediate effect, that if a new family joins Campbells Bay School, by enrolling a child at the school, but the family (or the parent/caregiver with whom the enrolled child primarily resides) subsequently moves out of the school's home zone, any siblings who have not yet started school, and who also live out of zone, will be ineligible for enrolment (and if enrolled but yet to commence school will have his or her enrolment cancelled).

It is important that you appreciate that this policy only applies to those who are new to Campbell's Bay School. For those families with children already at the school, the Board continues to have a discretion as to whether to accept an enrolment.

The new policy will be made clear to families on enrolment.