

8 December 2005

SS01/52/00/3

**Education Report: Application to open Te Rapa Primary School on
Saturday 25 March 2006**

Recommended Actions

We recommend that the Minister of Education:

- (a) **consider** the content of this submission;
- (b) **agree** that the Board of Trustees of Te Rapa School, Hamilton (2020) may open the school for instruction on Saturday 25 March 2006; and

Agree /Disagree

- (c) **sign** the attached letter.

Agree/Disagree

Kathy Phillips
Senior Manager
National Operations

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Hon Steve Maharey
Minister of Education

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Purpose of Report

1. It is proposed that you authorise the Board of Trustees of Te Rapa School, Hamilton (2020) to open on Saturday 25 March 2006. Te Rapa School have written to the Regional Manager, Ministry of Education, requesting this approval. The letter is attached.

Background/Analysis/Ministry Comment

2. The school is celebrating its centenary and as part of the celebration has planned formal lessons and a full school production performance on this Saturday. (Refer letter attached).
3. All children and teachers are expected to attend to allow visitors to see the school in action.
4. From 1906 to 1997 the school was located on a site adjacent to the former Royal New Zealand Air Force base at Te Rapa. The school was moved into modern buildings on its present site in October 1997. Most former students attending the centennial will not have seen the new school.
5. With effect from 2006, boards of trustees no longer have the delegated authority to open the schools they administer on a Saturday or Sunday.
6. The Ministry of Education supports this application. It is planned as an open day for the benefit of visitors with children and teachers participating in the usual range of school activities including classroom learning.

Legislative Provision

7. Section 65D(2) of the Education Act 1989 ("the Act") states that *the Minister of Education may authorise a Board to open and close any school it administers in accordance with terms and holidays (specified by the Minister) that differ from those otherwise required by this Act to be observed; and, subject to any terms and conditions specified by the minister when giving the authority, schools may be open and closed accordingly.*

Conclusion

8. Te Rapa school has correctly applied for permission to open on a Saturday. They have clearly identified the education programme for the day which equates to a usual school day. This is a positive approach to the centenary celebrations.

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Mr Paul Winter
Chairperson
Te Rapa School Board of Trustees
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Dear Mr Winter

Thank you for your letter, under your principal's signature, seeking approval for your school to be open for instruction on Saturday 25 March 2006, as part of Te Rapa School's centennial celebrations.

I am pleased to approve your proposal.

I trust your weekend of celebrations is a great success and I wish the school well as it enters its second century.

Yours sincerely

Steve Maharey
Minister of Education

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Hagley Community College
TE PUNA WAI O WAIPAPA

25 June 2009

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TO: MOB/ERO/NZQA/TEC	
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26 JUN 2009
Office of Hon Anne Tolley
MP for East Coast

Draft Reply by

15/7/09

Dear Anne

Request for Ministerial Approval to Extend Times to be Open For Instruction

In 1999 the Hon. Dr Nick Smith (Minister of Education) granted Hagley Community College ministerial approval to operate an 'extended school day' from 8am - 9pm, Monday to Friday to deliver secondary education programmes to our large and diverse community. (letter attached).

This has been very successful and in 2010 there will be over 50 programmes operating during this time with provision to increase this in 2011. We have extended our day to meet the needs of our learning community by providing greater learning opportunities while at the same time being fiscally responsible by maximising our college facilities and resources. The support and insight of the Minister (Nick Smith) was invaluable.

The extension of our school day has had a significant positive impact upon student engagement and student achievement for students of all ages and ethnicities. The college would like to build on this success by further increasing our flexibility to deliver new learning opportunities for students over the age of 16. I have enclosed a copy of our Annual Performance Report 2009 (Sections A - E).

On behalf of the Hagley Community College Board of Trustees I would like to formally request ministerial approval for a further extension so that the college can deliver 'block' courses on weekends and during traditional term breaks. Already the college has requests by interested students to run qualification based programmes around pre-nursing, early childhood, etc. Other examples of programmes where a block of time is desirable: hospitality, media and technology.

The college is very mindful of the regulations relating to the number of half days a school is required to be open for instruction. We do not wish to compromise those regulations in any way and therefore propose that any extension granted to our 'times of operation' will not be included in the calculation for the requirement to be 'open for instruction'.

The basis for our application is to increase the learning opportunities for our diverse senior student population; to increase the flexibility of when they can effectively engage with the college to undertake further study at the secondary level; and to maximise the use of our school's facilities and resources. The outcomes we are seeking from these opportunities are to improve student success in education and to provide effective education pathways for their on-going learning and employment.

We look forward to your consideration of our request. We are optimistic for a positive response to our application for ministerial approval of a further extension of the times we are able to be open for instruction to include weekend and term holidays.

Yours sincerely

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21 JUL 2009

Brent Ingram
Principal
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Dear Brent Ingram

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2009 requesting my approval of your proposal to extend Hagley Community College's opening hours to accommodate the running of block courses in weekends.

I have no concerns about your proposal. In fact, my approval is not required provided that all students under the age of 16 attend school full time whenever the school is open for instruction, (i.e. during normal school hours).

I am confident that you have a clear understanding that senior students aged 16 and over may be allowed by school management to attend school part-time or on a varied time-table that involves only part-time attendance during normal school hours. However, all students are entitled to attend school whenever it is open for instruction. Therefore, any programme that involves attendance outside normal school hours, including weekends or during holidays, is an optional choice for senior students.

Also, I am sure that you are aware that your Board may only charge fees to students other than adult students, to attend classes at the school as long as they are usually held outside normal school hours and are open to people not enrolled full-time at the school.

I applaud Hagley Community College's willingness to be flexible and responsive in its efforts to meet the wide-ranging educational needs of its students.

Yours sincerely

Hon Anne Tolley
Minister of Education

