



**Our Vision:** Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

**Our Mission:** We want equity, excellence and belonging for **all** our students.

## Ward School Playground Redevelopment 2021

The Ward School Board of Trustees has agreed to undertake a major playground redevelopment to provide students and community users with a safe, multi-level outdoor learning space which caters for individual needs, provides physical, social and emotional challenges and links our EnviroSchool philosophies with natural play spaces. The students at Ward School benefit from a very supportive parent network and community which includes a dedicated parent fundraising group known as TEAM. Not only would this project create a wonderful outdoor learning space, contributing to the physical and social wellbeing of our students, through working bees and other events it would strengthen the relationships and wellbeing of our extended community.

The project would see the playground repurposed with repairs being made to existing playground items, the removal of items which are no longer safe, and the installation of new playground items, sensory pathways, a bike track and increased native planting. The improved safe playground would provide school students and community users with a modern space which brings the imagination alive. We currently have a roll of 43 and the school playground is popular outside of school hours, especially during the summer when our pool is open to community members. The Board is committed to maintaining these assets, building strong school-community partnerships and providing the children of the Flaxbourne/South Marlborough with rich experiences despite their rural location.

### Key Objectives

- To design and build a new playground for the benefit of the children of the Ward Community and visitors to the school.
- To create a playground that reflects the Ward School values.
- To create a space that enables children to explore and challenge themselves through physical activity and imaginative play.
- Utilise natural materials wherever possible, avoid plastic/synthetic componentry.
- To beautify the Ward School grounds through extensive native plantings and creative landscaping linking to the sustainability focus of learning programmes.
- To engage the students throughout the design and implementation process, offering an opportunity to take ownership of their shared space.
- BOT to engage in a collaborative manner with Staff, Students, Whanau, Community members using local resources where appropriate

The Ward School BOT has committed to support to begin a playground redevelopment at Ward School and is seeking further support through various funding applications and donations of time and materials.

### Full Project Proposal

The proposal is to have the existing metal poles/bars and ladders removed, upgraded and reinstalled. Materials and structures that are no longer safe or in a state of disrepair will be replaced, repaired or rebuilt. This includes: ladders, ropes, chain covers, flying fox handles, the 'marae', the 'fort', the climbing wall and timber which is worn.

The exciting climbing wall which is well-worn and pre-loved removed and replaced. In order to provide further challenge for the older/stronger children a new playground is proposed to be built from poles, rope and tyres similar to that seen at Riverlands School.

The bark which currently provides soft-fall is to be replaced with pebbles providing a safer, cleaner environment.

The gum tree which is currently unsafe and creates excessive litter will be cut to 5 metres and provide a play space within the lower branches.

The boundary 'wall' is to be replaced (due to rot) and extended to allow for the new playground and will incorporate the gum tree which will become part of the 'pole playground'.

The centre part of the current playground which has subsided due to the removal of a tree and earthquakes will be removed and replaced with a path of all-weather turf which leads through to the turf court.

Further development is proposed with the installation of a bike track constructed of limestone chip and asphalt which includes a clay pump track in the north-east corner of the field.

All students will be able to access bikes through the Bikes in School programme

<https://bikeon.org.nz/bikes-in-schools/> with the storage of bikes provided in a second container installed adjacent to the existing one at the end of the driveway onto the field. Given the rural situation of the school community, our children don't have regular access to safe streets to practice their bike and road safety skills. For this reason we have included in the scope of works painted road markings on asphalted areas. This will encourage the children to become familiar with bike safety procedures in a fun and safe environment. Please see the attached examples of successful implementation in other schools.

## Funding Possibilities and Providers

The wider Flaxbourne community, including Ward School families, teachers and pupils have fundraised heavily over the last 3 years and are committed to improving the school property and environment. Regular working bees and support from local businesses helps to maintain grounds however support is needed to develop our space to its potential and provide students with a playground that caters for all ages. The BOT support this project and is looking for funders to be part of this worthwhile school and community project. We currently have funding applications for other elements of the project pending with two other sources, namely the Pelorus Trust and the Redwood Trust.

## Proposed Work

The following is an outline of the scope of works to be completed with the assistance of MDC if our application is successful.

<b>Ward School Playground Proposal</b>			
<b>Marborough District Council Submission</b>			
<b>Itemised expenses</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Quote/Estimate Value</b>	
Container supply & fit out with roller doors	Tinto	\$11,250	
Refurbishment of existing playground equipment	Classic Gates	\$3,795	
Supply of softfall gravel for existing playground	Fulton Hogan/ Renwick crusher	\$10,868	500m2 material
Fleet of Bikes	Bike Fit	\$17,199.20	
Gravel and asphalt prep and lay	Fulton Hogan	\$21,908	
Painted lines	Pelvin's Linemarking	\$2,125	
Pool turf	Southern Turf LTD	\$9,847.50	
Excavation and concrete pad for container site	Richard Fissenden	\$3,600	\$120m2
Shade Sail Galvanised Poles over Sandpit	Shadeplus Marlborough	\$2,850	
Lime Chip for tracks	Waipapa Lime	\$2,856	3x unit loads, material and cartage
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,298</b>	

## Contact Information

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