



Monday 17 November, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

You may have seen recent news from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) about a **coloured sand product** that may contain asbestos.



We have identified a container of the coloured sand product that was stored on the top shelf of a cupboard. This was found in Room 16, but it was not in use. As a precaution, and following advice from WorkSafe and the Ministry of Education, we have temporarily closed Room 16 while an approved asbestos specialist carries out testing.

Students from Room 16 are now working in Room 10 for the time being.

You may also have purchased these items yourselves from local stores. If so, we encourage you to stop using them and dispose of them safely, following the guidance provided by MBIE and Health New Zealand.

Please be assured that the health and safety of our children, staff, and community is our highest priority. We are working closely with the Ministry of Education and other agencies to develop a safe plan to remove the product from our school.

We understand that hearing the word **asbestos** can be worrying, especially when it involves children.

If you would like health advice at any time, you can call Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

Ngā mihi nui,

Anau Kupa
Principal