

Dear parents and whanau,

It has been a tough couple of days for us at school. To see an act of willful destruction take some of our tamariki's facilities away is heartbreaking. The project for the field took more than 10 years for the planning, fundraising, design and construction. I would like to send a huge thank you to our wonderful community, who have rallied around, offered help, funding and support. The response to the Board's facebook page was heartening, and we certainly mirrored the frustration and anger shown on there. I know the police were very happy to receive information that came as a result of the facebook post. We have handed on everything we have received so far, and will continue to do so. We will be pursuing the person or persons responsible alongside the police. Installing the CCTV cameras is certainly looking like a good decision as it has led to some leads for the police to investigate. Hopefully we will not have to use them again.

We have started the triage work to get the field usable, although with the season for grass growth now complete, the work to get the field fully back to where we were will be a long term project, as we need to be back into spring to see the growth that will bind everything properly back together. We are hopeful of allowing the kids back on once the initial work is completed.

The bottom gate will now be remaining locked at all times.

Again, I'd just like to repeat my gratitude for your support and I hope you have a good weekend.

Ngā mihi

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