



Launching Northland's playground appeal - 100% fun

The challenge: Raise \$100,000 to design and build a new 100% fun adventure playground for the next generation of Northland students and the wider community.

The \$100,000 target sounds like a lot (and it is!) but we like to think of it as being like a climbing wall with 200 'rungs' worth \$500 each. We've raised \$8,000 already - that's 16 rungs - and we've only just started.

The school rebuild offers exciting opportunities for the playground redevelopment and we will continue to fundraise and progress the playground design to ensure it aligns with the rebuild. We want to be a position to go ahead with a phased playground plan as soon as possible. We may also consult parents on using some of the funds to provide movable play equipment for the children to use while the building work takes place - if circumstances require.

Government rules mean we can't use any of the Ministry of Education property money to pay for new playground equipment or play-related landscaping so we must raise the money ourselves through donations, grants and fundraising. See overleaf for our 10-point fundraising plan and how you can help.

We have some fundraising happening already (thank you guys) but we're going to need a lot of help to reach the \$100K target. There are plenty of ways to get involved. You could organise a family fundraiser or join with other families to organise one (we have some fundraising ideas that need an 'activator'). You could help the Home & School committee with one of their fundraisers. Please ask your employer if they have a community grants scheme or consider making a (tax deductible) company donation if you run your own business.

We realise that people are sometimes too busy to fundraise but would still like to make a contribution. If you would like to make a donation, the school's bank account is 12-3174-0326688-00 - please put **Playground Donation** in the reference section and ask the office for a tax receipt if you need it.

We are looking forward to making our new playground a reality! Keep an eye out for a giant 100% fun-dometer and new fundraising section on the school website that will chart progress towards the \$100K target.

The Northland School Playground Committee, September 2014