



Gracefield School

20a Bell Rd, Waiwhetu LOWER HUTT

14 August 2020

Kia ora Bill,

At Gracefield School, we believe in giving credit when credit is due. First of all, the Board would like to acknowledge the work ethic and professionalism of the Peryer's team throughout the building process. Gracefield school's curriculum is founded on 6 key skills we believe are necessary for life: These are the **Steps for Success...**

Respectful, Risk Taker, Communicator, Adaptable, Conscientious, Thinker

We believe that the Peryer's team worked and displayed the school's steps for success throughout the refurbishment. The team were respectful of each other, of our staff, the environment and especially of our children. There were a number of times when I would look out my office window to see children's faces squished against the fencing, excited to see diggers, drills and various other tools. Often, one of the workers would take the time to give the kids a wave, answer questions or just chat about their work. The team didn't have to do that, they could have kept on working and ignored those curious faces, but they didn't. This is one of the traits of the team that we were really impressed by.

Communication throughout was excellent. This ensured we were all aware of progress, timelines and targets. Joe, the onsite manager, was always open to new ideas, he was adaptable and could find solutions to any issues that may have come up. We would also like to acknowledge Joe's ability to listen and problem solve as he often would be confronted with design changes or additions. He worked with other subcontractors to ensure our decisions and thinking could be enacted. We are grateful to have someone who had high expectations of the work produced and of his team.

People may see this building process simply as refurbishing classroom spaces. We see these spaces as a way to connect people, create opportunities for collaboration and where staff and children will action meaningful learning for change. Thank you for being a part of making this happen.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the partnership Gracefield School has had with Peryers Construction Ltd and would not hesitate recommending them to other schools or working alongside them in the future.

Kind regards,

Kelly Barker
Tumuaki-Principal

On behalf of the Gracefield School the Board of Trustees

- [PCWL appreciate receiving this unsolicited reference from Principal Barker](#)
- [Contract: Block 1 – Refurbish Classrooms 3 & 4](#)
- [Value: \\$700k](#)