

#### 4. MAIREHAU SCHOOL – AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

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The purpose of this report is to outline the proposal to establish an After-School Programme at Mairehau Primary School and to seek funding to assist this programme.

##### **BACKGROUND**

Board members will recall a deputation from representatives of this programme at the 24 November 1999 Board meeting when a report was requested following discussions between the school and staff. This new programme is due to begin on 26 January 2000.

##### **THE PROGRAMME**

The After-School Programme (ASP) will operate five days/week running from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm each afternoon. There will be two full-time, plus one part-time staff. Thus maximum numbers initially will be 20-25 children, although this figure is not expected to be reached until later in the year.

The programme has been advertised through the school as well as through Our Lady of Fatima and Paparoa Street Schools. The programme is affiliated to the OSCAR Network, thus providing good training and advice services.

##### **FUNDING**

The programme's estimated budget is for an expenditure of \$26,000 for the first year. Current shortfall is \$7,500 (although \$5,000 has been committed through Council services). This leaves a shortfall of \$2,500 although staff training has not been included. This is expected to cost approximately \$80 per month.

This project meets all the criteria of the Board Community Services Fund.

**Recommendation:** That a grant of \$3,000 from the 1999/2000 Community Services Fund be made to the Mairehau After-School Programme.

##### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.