

MIRAMAR NORTH SCHOOL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

We have discussed with the Wellington Emergency Management Office (WEMO), our plan for Miramar North School in the event of Wellington suffering a major earthquake.

The WEMO plans are based on the following assumptions:

- The school will need to look after itself in the initial stages of the disaster;
- Emergency services will not be able to respond for some hours;
- Utilities such as gas, water, electricity, communications, transport and food supplies could be unavailable or inoperative in the early stages;
- Students and/or staff injured during the earthquake will need to be cared for within the school.

STUDENT SAFETY

NO STUDENT WILL BE RELEASED FROM SCHOOL unless a parent (or someone designated by a parent) personally collects them.

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE with another person (even a relative or caregiver) unless we have written permission to that effect, or that person is listed on our emergency files in the School Office. This person should work or live within 'walking distance' of Miramar North School, in case roads are blocked.

ALL PARENTS OR DESIGNATED PEOPLE MUST have a student signed out at a 'Student Release Station' which will be inside the school hall or at signposted locations. In the event of an earthquake, civilian casualties and damage to transportation routes and homes may mean many parents will be unable to collect their children.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED alone to travel streets cluttered with debris, fallen power lines etc. Even if they managed to reach their homes, how would they cope if no one was there?

OUR PLAN

- We have had visits from the WEMO and have used their advice to plan both evacuation and later, responses to an emergency.
- We have Emergency Kits placed around the school. At present, these contain;
 - -class registers
 - -first aid equipment
 - -emergency blankets
 - -plastic bags
 - -torches
- We have water supplies in each classroom and in the admin block.
- We practice evacuation drills regularly.
- We have staff that have up to date First Aid Certificates.
 - We ask that each family give one can of food for our emergency supplies.

For your own information contact your local council or go to www.getthru.govt.nz

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