



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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PALMERSTON SCHOOL

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Statement of Responsibility

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Board accepts responsibility for the preparation of the annual financial statements and the judgements used in these financial statements.

The management, including the Principal and others as directed by the Board, accepts responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the School's financial reporting.

It is the opinion of the Board and management that the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 fairly reflects the financial position and operations of the School.

The School's 2024 financial statements are authorised for issue by the Board.

Julie Kathryn Kearney

Kerryanne Forse

Full Name of Presiding Member

Full Name of Principal

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Members of the Board

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Name	Position	How Position Gained	Term Expired/ Expires
Julie Kearney	Presiding Member	Elected	Nov 2026
Kerry Forse	Principal	ex Officio	
Briar Mackenzie	Parent Representative	Elected	Nov 2024
Marc Keen	Parent Representative	Elected	Nov 2026
Jodi Joyce	Parent Representative	Elected	Sep 2025
Sarah Lee	Parent Representative	Elected	Sep 2025
Kristin Engelbrecht	Staff Representative	Elected	Nov 2026
In attendance Jan Fleming	Secretary	Non voting	

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Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Actual	Budget	Actual
		\$	(Unaudited)	\$
			\$	
Revenue				
Government Grants	2	1,220,366	1,011,780	1,200,470
Locally Raised Funds	3	101,186	45,150	55,071
Interest		42,586	4,000	23,034
Total Revenue		1,364,138	1,060,930	1,278,575
Expense				
Locally Raised Funds	3	30,139	22,750	23,173
Learning Resources	4	937,581	815,046	843,490
Administration	5	77,691	84,350	76,940
Interest		503	100	391
Property	6	303,801	258,200	284,670
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment		3,953	-	569
Total Expense		1,353,668	1,180,446	1,229,233
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		10,470	(119,516)	49,342
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense		-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year		10,470	(119,516)	49,342

The above Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
Equity at 1 January		408,716	408,716	355,261
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year		10,470	(119,516)	49,342
Distributions to Ministry of Education	16	-	-	(3,521)
Contribution - Furniture and Equipment Grant		6,415	-	-
Contribution - Te Mana Tūhono		-	-	7,634
Equity at 31 December		425,601	289,200	408,716
Accumulated comprehensive revenue and expense		425,601	289,200	408,716
Equity at 31 December		425,601	289,200	408,716

The above Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Actual	Budget	Actual
		\$	(Unaudited)	\$
			\$	
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7	158,527	601,569	692,585
Accounts Receivable	8	78,393	75,389	75,389
GST Receivable		23,011	-	-
Prepayments		4,423	8,343	8,343
Inventories	9	1,279	1,138	1,138
Investments	10	221,449	276,320	276,320
Funds Receivable for Capital Works Projects	16	47,966	-	-
		535,048	962,759	1,053,775
Current Liabilities				
GST Payable		-	81,676	81,676
Accounts Payable	12	83,321	128,236	128,236
Revenue Received in Advance	13	14,170	1,772	1,772
Finance Lease Liability	15	2,727	2,739	2,739
Funds held for Capital Works Projects	16	72,409	456,658	456,658
		172,627	671,081	671,081
Working Capital Surplus		362,421	291,678	382,694
Non-current Assets				
Property, Plant and Equipment	11	123,003	50,313	72,313
		123,003	50,313	72,313
Non-current Liabilities				
Provision for Cyclical Maintenance	14	57,181	49,900	43,400
Finance Lease Liability	15	2,642	2,891	2,891
		59,823	52,791	46,291
Net Assets		425,601	289,200	408,716
Equity		425,601	289,200	408,716

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2023
	Note	Actual \$	Budget (Unaudited) \$	Actual \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities				
Government Grants		339,960	283,524	335,628
Locally Raised Funds		115,356	45,150	55,071
Goods and Services Tax (net)		(104,687)	-	72,910
Payments to Employees		(273,105)	(246,000)	(185,826)
Payments to Suppliers		(215,721)	(177,590)	(134,127)
Interest Paid		(503)	(100)	-
Interest Received		48,121	4,000	18,026
Net cash (to)/from Operating Activities		(90,579)	(91,016)	161,682
Cash flows from Investing Activities				
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment		(71,663)	-	(8,420)
Purchase of Investments		-	-	(104,855)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments		54,871	-	-
Net cash (to) Investing Activities		(16,792)	-	(113,275)
Cash flows from Financing Activities				
Furniture and Equipment Grant		6,415	-	-
Distributions to Ministry of Education		-	-	(3,521)
Finance Lease Payments		(887)	-	(1,398)
Funds Administered on Behalf of Other Parties		(432,215)	-	482,902
Net cash (to)/from Financing Activities		(426,687)	-	477,983
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(534,058)	(91,016)	526,390
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	7	692,585	692,585	166,195
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	158,527	601,569	692,585

The Statement of Cash Flows records only those cash flows directly within the control of the School. This means centrally funded teachers' salaries, use of land and buildings grant and expense, and other notional items have been excluded.

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1. Reporting Entity

Palmerston School (the School) is a Crown entity as specified in the Crown Entities Act 2004 and a school as described in the Education and Training Act 2020. The Board is of the view that the School is a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes.

1.2. Basis of Preparation

Reporting Period

The financial statements have been prepared for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and in accordance with the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the accounting policies have been consistently applied throughout the period.

Financial Reporting Standards Applied

The Education and Training Act 2020 requires the School, as a Crown entity, to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand, applying Public Sector Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime as appropriate to public benefit entities that qualify for Tier 2 reporting. The School is considered a Public Benefit Entity as it meets the criteria specified as 'having a primary objective to provide goods and/or services for community or social benefit and where any equity has been provided with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than for financial return to equity holders'.

PBE Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime

The School qualifies for Tier 2 as the school is not publicly accountable and is not considered large as it falls below the expenditure threshold of \$33 million per year. All relevant reduced disclosure concessions have been taken.

Measurement Base

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis unless otherwise noted in a specific accounting policy.

Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar.

Specific Accounting Policies

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Critical Accounting Estimates And Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Cyclical Maintenance

A school recognises its obligation to maintain the Ministry's buildings in a good state of repair as a provision for cyclical maintenance. This provision relates mainly to the painting of the school buildings. The estimate is based on the school's best estimate of the cost of painting the school and when the school is required to be painted, based on an assessment of the school's condition. During the year, the Board assesses the reasonableness of its painting maintenance plan on which the provision is based. Cyclical maintenance is disclosed at note 14.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The School reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting date. The School believes that the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment, as disclosed in the significant accounting policies, are appropriate to the nature of the property, plant and equipment at reporting date. Property, plant and equipment is disclosed at note 11.

Critical Judgements in applying accounting policies

Management has exercised the following critical judgements in applying accounting policies:

Classification of leases

Determining whether a lease is a finance lease or an operating lease requires judgement as to whether the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the school. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee. In contrast, an operating lease is a lease that does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset to the lessee.

Judgement is required on various aspects that include, but are not limited to, the fair value of the leased asset, the economic life of the leased asset, whether or not to include renewal options in the lease term, and determining an appropriate discount rate to calculate the present value of the minimum lease payments. Classification as a finance lease means the asset is recognised in the statement of financial position as property, plant and equipment, whereas for an operating lease no such asset is recognised. Finance lease liability disclosures are contained in note 15. Future operating lease commitments are disclosed in note 21b.

Recognition of grants

The School reviews the grants monies received at the end of each reporting period and whether any require a provision to carry forward amounts unspent. The School believes all grants received have been appropriately recognised as a liability if required. Government grants are disclosed at note 2.

1.3. Revenue Recognition

Government Grants

The school receives funding from the Ministry of Education. The following are the main types of funding that the School receives:

Operational grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding, which is in the year that the funding is received.

Teachers salaries grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding in the salary period to which they relate. The grants are not received in cash by the School and are paid directly to teachers by the Ministry of Education.

Other Ministry Grants for directly funded programs are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding in the period to which they relate to. The grants are not received in cash by the School and are paid directly by the Ministry of Education.

The property from which the School operates is owned by the Crown and managed by the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Crown. Grants for the use of land and buildings are not received in cash by the School as they equate to the deemed expense for using the land and buildings which are owned by the Crown. The School's use of the land and buildings as occupant is based on a property occupancy document as gazetted by the Ministry. The expense is based on an assumed market rental yield on the value of land and buildings as used for rating purposes.

This is a non-cash revenue that is offset by a non-cash expense. The use of land and buildings grants and associated expenditure are recorded in the period the School uses the land and buildings.

Other Grants where conditions exist

Other grants are recorded as revenue when the School has the rights to the funding, unless there are unfulfilled conditions attached to the grant, in which case the amount relating to the unfulfilled conditions is recognised as a liability and recognised as revenue as the conditions are fulfilled.

Donations, Gifts and Bequests

Donations, gifts and bequests are recognised as an asset and revenue when the right to receive funding or the asset has been established unless there is an obligation to return funds if conditions are not met. If conditions are not met, funding is recognised as revenue in advance and recognised as revenue when conditions are satisfied.

Interest Revenue

Interest Revenue earned on cash and cash equivalents and investments is recorded as revenue in the period it is earned.

1.4. Operating Lease Payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

1.5. Finance Lease Payments

Finance lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term on an effective interest basis.

1.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, bank balances, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less, and bank overdrafts. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents represent fair value.

1.7. Accounts Receivable

Short-term receivables are recorded at the amount due, less an allowance for expected credit losses (uncollectable debts). The school's receivables are largely made up of funding from the Ministry of Education, therefore the level of uncollectable debts is not considered to be material. However, short-term receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

1.8. Inventories

Inventories are consumable items held for sale and comprised of school uniforms. They are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of activities less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Any write down from cost to net realisable value is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense in the period of the write down.

1.9. Investments

Bank term deposits are initially measured at the amount invested. Interest is subsequently accrued and added to the investment balance. A loss allowance for expected credit losses is recognised if the estimated loss allowance is not trivial.

1.10. Property, Plant and Equipment

Land and buildings owned by the Crown are excluded from these financial statements. The Board's use of the land and buildings as 'occupant' is based on a property occupancy document.

Improvements funded by the Board to buildings owned by the Crown or directly by the board are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost or, in the case of donated assets, fair value at the date of receipt, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost or fair value as the case may be, includes those costs that relate directly to bringing the asset to the location where it will be used and making sure it is in the appropriate condition for its intended use.

Gains and losses on disposals (i.e. sold or given away) are determined by comparing the proceeds received with the carrying amounts (i.e. the book value). The gain or loss arising from the disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

Finance Leases

A finance lease transfers to the lessee substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset, whether or not title is eventually transferred. At the start of the lease term, finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The finance charge is charged to the surplus or deficit over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. The amount recognised as an asset is depreciated over its useful life. If there is no reasonable certainty whether the school will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term, the asset is fully depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, except for library resources, are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. Library resources are depreciated on a diminishing value basis. Depreciation of all assets is reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The estimated useful lives of the assets are:

Building Improvements	10-25 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-15 years
Leased Assets held under a Finance Lease	Term of Lease
Library Resources	10 years

1.11. Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The school does not hold any cash generating assets. Assets are considered cash generating where their primary objective is to generate a commercial return.

Non cash generating assets

Property, plant, and equipment held at cost that have a finite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If such indication exists, the School estimates the asset's recoverable service amount. An impairment loss is recognised as the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable service amount. The recoverable service amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Value in use is determined using an approach based on either a depreciated replacement cost approach, restoration cost approach, or a service units approach. The most appropriate approach used to measure value in use depends on the nature of the impairment and availability of information.

In determining fair value less costs to sell the school engages an independent valuer to assess market value based on the best available information.

If an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable service amount, the asset is regarded as impaired and the carrying amount is written down to the recoverable amount. The total impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

The reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable service amount since the last impairment loss was recognised.

1.12. Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable represents liabilities for goods and services provided to the School prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Accounts Payable are recorded at the amount of cash required to settle those liabilities. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

1.13. Employee Entitlements

Short-term employee entitlements

Employee entitlements that are expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees provide the related service are measured based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date, annual leave earned by non teaching staff, but not yet taken at balance date.

Long-term employee entitlements

Employee benefits that are not expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employee provides the related service, such as retirement and long service leave, have been calculated on an actuarial basis.

The calculations are based on the likely future entitlements accruing to employees, based on years of service, years to entitlement, the likelihood that employees will reach the point of entitlement, and contractual entitlement information, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows. Remeasurements are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they arise.

1.14. Revenue Received in Advance

Revenue received in advance relates to grants received where there are unfulfilled obligations for the School to provide services in the future. The grants are recorded as revenue as the obligations are fulfilled and the grants are earned.

1.15. Funds held for Capital Works

The School directly receives funding from the Ministry of Education for capital works projects that are included in the School five year capital works agreement. These funds are held on behalf and for a specified purpose. As such these transactions are not recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The School holds sufficient funds to enable the funds to be used for their intended purpose at any time.

1.16. Provision for Cyclical Maintenance

The property from which the School operates is owned by the Crown, and is vested in the Ministry. The Ministry has gazetted a property occupancy document that sets out the Board's property maintenance responsibilities. The Board is responsible for maintaining the land, buildings and other facilities on the School site in a state of good order and repair.

Cyclical maintenance, which involves painting the interior and exterior of the School, makes up the most significant part of the Board's responsibilities outside day-to-day maintenance. The provision is a reasonable estimate, the School's best estimate of the cost of painting the school and when the School is required to be painted, based on an assessment of the school's condition.

The School carries out painting maintenance of the whole school over a variety of periods in accordance with the conditional assessment of each area of the school. The economic outflow of this is dependent on the plan established by the School to meet this obligation and is detailed in the notes and disclosures of these accounts.

1.17. Financial Instruments

The School's financial assets comprise cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and investments. All of these financial assets are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

The School's financial liabilities comprise accounts payable and finance lease liability. Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and any gain or loss on derecognition are recognised in surplus or deficit.

1.18. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis, with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are stated as GST inclusive.

The net amount of GST paid to, or received from, the IRD, including the GST relating to investing and financing activities, is classified as a net operating cash flow in the statements of cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed exclusive of GST.

1.19. Budget Figures

The budget figures are extracted from the School budget that was approved by the Board.

1.20. Services received in-kind

From time to time the School receives services in-kind, including the time of volunteers. The School has elected not to recognise services received in kind in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

2. Government Grants

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Government Grants - Ministry of Education	350,856	281,024	327,921
Teachers' Salaries Grants	658,134	569,256	675,747
Use of Land and Buildings Grants	204,336	159,000	192,837
Other Government Grants	7,040	2,500	3,965
	<u>1,220,366</u>	<u>1,011,780</u>	<u>1,200,470</u>

3. Locally Raised Funds

Local funds raised within the School's community are made up of:

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Revenue			
Donations and Bequests	23,120	22,500	32,408
Fees for Extra Curricular Activities	4,627	8,750	2,460
Trading	6,109	8,400	6,966
Fundraising and Community Grants	65,678	5,000	12,120
Other Revenue	1,652	500	1,117
	<u>101,186</u>	<u>45,150</u>	<u>55,071</u>
Expenses			
Extra Curricular Activities Costs	13,515	9,250	11,001
Trading	6,730	10,500	7,638
Fundraising and Community Grant Costs	9,086	2,000	3,775
Other Locally Raised Funds Expenditure	808	1,000	759
	<u>30,139</u>	<u>22,750</u>	<u>23,173</u>
	<u>71,047</u>	<u>22,400</u>	<u>31,898</u>

Surplus for the year Locally raised funds

4. Learning Resources

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Curricular	21,650	24,950	16,708
Information and Communication Technology	5,943	11,440	8,002
Employee Benefits - Salaries	875,345	736,256	790,363
Other Learning Resources	1,195	4,800	4,791
Staff Development	13,515	15,600	4,872
Depreciation	19,933	22,000	18,754
	<u>937,581</u>	<u>815,046</u>	<u>843,490</u>

5. Administration

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Audit Fees	8,058	4,000	4,255
Board Fees and Expenses	5,236	5,700	6,339
Operating Leases	-	2,000	-
Other Administration Expenses	11,463	17,150	18,608
Employee Benefits - Salaries	44,848	46,000	40,611
Insurance	3,921	3,500	3,500
Service Providers, Contractors and Consultancy	4,165	6,000	3,627
	<u>77,691</u>	<u>84,350</u>	<u>76,940</u>

6. Property

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Consultancy and Contract Services	-	5,700	574
Cyclical Maintenance	9,284	6,500	8,800
Adjustment to the Provision- Other Adjustments	4,497	-	-
Heat, Light and Water	16,637	13,000	9,994
Rates	3,541	3,000	2,904
Repairs and Maintenance	10,607	13,150	7,597
Use of Land and Buildings	204,336	159,000	192,837
Other Property Expenses	31,669	24,850	30,172
Employee Benefits - Salaries	23,230	33,000	31,792
	<u>303,801</u>	<u>258,200</u>	<u>284,670</u>

The Use of Land and Buildings figure represents 5% of the school's total property value. Property values are established as part of the nation-wide revaluation exercise that is conducted every 30 June for the Ministry of Education's year-end reporting purposes.

7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Bank Accounts	158,527	601,569	692,585
Cash and Cash Equivalents for Statement of Cash Flows	<u>158,527</u>	<u>601,569</u>	<u>692,585</u>

Of the \$158,527 Cash and Cash Equivalents, \$72,409 is held by the School on behalf of the Ministry of Education. These funds have been provided by the Ministry as part of the school's 5 Year Agreement funding for upgrades to the school's buildings and includes retentions on the projects, if applicable. The funds are required to be spent in 2025 on Crown owned school buildings.

Of the \$158,527 Cash and Cash Equivalents, \$14,170 of Other Revenue in Advance is held by the School, as disclosed in note 13.

8. Accounts Receivable

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Receivables from the Ministry of Education	15,197	2,260	2,260
Interest Receivable	2,250	7,785	7,785
Teacher Salaries Grant Receivable	60,946	65,344	65,344
	<u>78,393</u>	<u>75,389</u>	<u>75,389</u>
Receivables from Exchange Transactions	2,250	7,785	7,785
Receivables from Non-Exchange Transactions	76,143	67,604	67,604
	<u>78,393</u>	<u>75,389</u>	<u>75,389</u>

9. Inventories

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
School Uniforms	1,279	1,138	1,138
	<u>1,279</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>1,138</u>

10. Investments

The School's investment activities are classified as follows:

	2024	2024	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	(Unaudited)	\$
Current Asset			
Short-term Bank Deposits	221,449	276,320	276,320
Total Investments	<u>221,449</u>	<u>276,320</u>	<u>276,320</u>

11. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Opening Balance (NBV)	Additions	Disposals	Impairment	Depreciation	Total (NBV)
2024	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building Improvements	20,872	53,650	-	-	(5,672)	68,850
Furniture and Equipment	33,426	16,998	(1,615)	-	(9,867)	38,942
Leased Assets	5,770	2,913	-	-	(3,302)	5,381
Library Resources	12,245	1,015	(2,338)	-	(1,092)	9,830
Balance at 31 December 2024	72,313	74,576	(3,953)	-	(19,933)	123,003

The net carrying value of furniture and equipment held under a finance lease is \$5,381 (2023: \$5,770)

Restrictions

With the exception of the contractual restrictions relating to the above noted finance leases, there are no other restrictions over the title of the school's property, plant and equipment, nor are any property, plant and equipment pledged as security for liabilities.

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building Improvements	204,914	(136,064)	68,850	151,264	(130,392)	20,872
Furniture and Equipment	325,265	(286,323)	38,942	311,177	(277,751)	33,426
Leased Assets	31,864	(26,483)	5,381	32,423	(26,653)	5,770
Library Resources	52,716	(42,886)	9,830	63,901	(51,656)	12,245
Balance at 31 December	614,759	(491,756)	123,003	558,765	(486,452)	72,313

12. Accounts Payable

	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
Creditors	929	57,249	57,249
Accruals	8,813	4,254	4,254
Employee Entitlements - Salaries	70,224	62,044	62,044
Employee Entitlements - Leave Accrual	3,355	4,689	4,689
	83,321	128,236	128,236
Payables for Exchange Transactions	83,321	128,236	128,236
	83,321	128,236	128,236

The carrying value of payables approximates their fair value.

13. Revenue Received in Advance

	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
Grants in Advance - Ministry of Education	-	1,772	1,772
Other Revenue in Advance	14,170	-	-
	14,170	1,772	1,772

14. Provision for Cyclical Maintenance

	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
Provision at the Start of the Year	43,400	43,400	34,600
Increase to the Provision During the Year	9,284	6,500	8,800
Other Adjustments	4,497	-	-
Provision at the End of the Year	57,181	49,900	43,400
Cyclical Maintenance - Non current	57,181	49,900	43,400
	57,181	49,900	43,400

The School's cyclical maintenance schedule details annual painting & other significant cyclical maintenance work to be undertaken. The costs associated with this annual work will vary depending on the requirements during the year. This plan is based on the School's most recent 10 Year Property plan, adjusted as identified and confirmed appropriate by the Board, to other reliable sources of evidence.

15. Finance Lease Liability

The School has entered into a number of finance lease agreements for computers and other ICT equipment. Minimum lease payments payable:

	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget (Unaudited) \$	2023 Actual \$
No later than one year	3,092	3,123	3,123
Later than One Year and no Later than Five Years	2,803	3,119	3,119
Future Finance Charges	(526)	(612)	(612)
	5,369	5,630	5,630
Represented by:			
Finance lease liability - Current	2,727	2,739	2,739
Finance lease liability - Non-current	2,642	2,891	2,891
	5,369	5,630	5,630

16. Funds Held for Capital Works Projects

During the year the School received and applied funding from the Ministry of Education for the following capital works projects. The amount of cash held on behalf of the Ministry for capital works project is included under cash and cash equivalents in note 7, and includes retentions on the projects, if applicable.

2024	Opening Balances \$	Receipts from MoE \$	Payments \$	Board Contributions \$	Closing Balances \$
ILE Upgrade 232854	236,176	85,579	(369,721)	-	(47,966)
Junior Block Accessible Bathroom 241072	11,411	287,218	(235,425)	-	63,204
LSM Fencing 245073	209,071	290,000	(489,866)	-	9,205
Totals	456,658	662,797	(1,095,012)	-	24,443

Represented by:

Funds Held on Behalf of the Ministry of Education	72,409
Funds Receivable from the Ministry of Education	(47,966)

2023	Opening Balances \$	Receipts from MoE \$	Payments \$	Board Contributions \$	Closing Balances \$
Outside Learning Area 221569	(13,719)	9,181	(3,852)	8,390	-
ILE Upgrade 232854	10,358	250,000	(24,182)	-	236,176
Junior Block Accessible Bathroom 241072	-	26,000	(14,589)	-	11,411
LSM Fencing 245073	-	250,000	(40,929)	-	209,071
Totals	(3,361)	535,181	(83,552)	8,390	456,658

Represented by:

Funds Held on Behalf of the Ministry of Education	456,658
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17. Related Party Transactions

The School is a controlled entity of the Crown, and the Crown provides the major source of revenue to the School. The School enters into transactions with other entities also controlled by the Crown, such as: government departments, state-owned enterprises and other Crown entities. Transactions with these entities are not disclosed as they occur on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the School would have adopted if dealing with that entity at arm's length.

Related party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier or client/recipient relationship on terms and condition no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the school would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances. Further, transactions with other government agencies for example, Government departments and Crown entities are not disclosed as related party transactions when they are consistent with the normal operating arrangements between government agencies and undertaken on the normal terms and conditions for such transactions.

18. Remuneration

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel of the School include all Board members, Principal and Team Leaders.

	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
<i>Board Members</i>		
Remuneration	2,560	3,480
<i>Leadership Team</i>		
Remuneration	318,682	248,577
Full-time equivalent members	3.00	2.00
Total key management personnel remuneration	321,242	252,057

There are 6 members of the Board excluding the Principal. The Board had held 7 full meetings of the Board in the year. The Board also has 2 Finance members who met three times for the year. As well as these regular meetings, including preparation time, the Presiding member and other Board members have also been involved in ad hoc meetings to consider student welfare matters including stand downs, suspensions, and other disciplinary matters.

Principal

The total value of remuneration paid or payable to the Principal was in the following bands:

	2024 Actual \$000	2023 Actual \$000
Salaries and Other Short-term Employee Benefits:		
Salary and Other Payments	130 - 140	60 - 70
Benefits and Other Emoluments	0 - 5	0 - 0
Termination Benefits	0 - 0	0 - 0

Principal 2

The total value of remuneration paid or payable to the Principal was in the following bands:

	2024 Actual \$000	2023 Actual \$000
Salaries and Other Short-term Employee Benefits:		
Salary and Other Payments	0 - 0	50 - 60
Benefits and Other Emoluments	0 - 0	1 - 5
Termination Benefits	0 - 0	0 - 0

Other Employees

The number of other employees with remuneration greater than \$100,000 was in the following bands:

Remuneration \$000	2024 FTE Number	2023 FTE Number
100 - 110	2.00	1.00
	2.00	1.00

The disclosure for 'Other Employees' does not include remuneration of the Principal.

19. Compensation and Other Benefits Upon Leaving

The total value of compensation or other benefits paid or payable to persons who ceased to be board members, committee members, or employees during the financial year in relation to that cessation and the number of persons to whom all or part of that total was payable was as follows:

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Total	\$ -	\$ -
Number of People	-	-

20. Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities and no contingent assets except as noted below as at 31 December 2024 (Contingent liabilities and assets at 31 December 2023: nil).

Holidays Act Compliance – Schools Payroll

The Ministry of Education performs payroll processing and payments on behalf of boards, through payroll service provider, Education Payroll Limited.

The Ministry continues to review the Schools Sector Payroll to ensure compliance with the Holidays Act 2003. An initial remediation payment has been made to some current school employees. The Ministry is continuing to perform detailed analysis to finalise calculations and the potential impacts of specific individuals. As such, this is expected to resolve the liability for school boards.

Pay Equity and Collective Agreement Funding Wash-up

In 2024 the Ministry of Education provided additional funding for both the Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement (CA) Settlement and the Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement. At the date of signing the financial statements the School's final entitlement for the year ended 31 December 2024 has not yet been advised. The School has therefore not recognised an asset or a liability regarding this funding wash-up, which is expected to be settled in July 2025.

21. Commitments

(a) Capital Commitments

At 31 December 2024, the Board had capital commitments of \$129,993 (2023:\$1,222,613) as a result of entering the following contracts:

Contract Name	2024 Capital Commitment
	\$
Junior Block Accessible Bathroom 241072	98,007
LSM Fencing 245073	31,986
Total	129,993

The Board receives funding from the Ministry of Education for Capital Works which is disclosed in note 16.

(b) Operating Commitments

As at 31 December 2024 the Board has not entered into any operating contracts.

(Operating commitments at 31 December 2023: nil)

22. Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities in each of the financial instrument categories are as follows:

Financial assets measured at amortised cost

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget (Unaudited)	2023 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	158,527	601,569	692,585
Receivables	78,393	75,389	75,389
Investments - Term Deposits	221,449	276,320	276,320
Total Financial assets measured at amortised cost	458,369	953,278	1,044,294

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Payables	83,321	128,236	128,236
Finance Leases	5,369	5,630	5,630
Total Financial liabilities measured at amortised Cost	88,690	133,866	133,866

23. Events After Balance Date

There were no significant events after the balance date that impact these financial statements.

24. Comparatives

There have been a number of prior period comparatives which have been reclassified to make disclosure consistent with the current year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF PALMERSTON SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Palmerston school (the School). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Aaron Higham, using the staff and resources of BDO Invercargill, to carry out the audit of the financial statements of the School on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the School on pages 3 to 19 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion the financial statements of the School:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 December 2024; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Sector - Public Benefit Entity Standards, Reduced Disclosure Regime.

Our audit was completed on 20 May 2025. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Board for the financial statements

The Board is responsible on behalf of the School for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Board is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible on behalf of the School for assessing the School's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to close or merge the School, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board's responsibilities arise from section 134 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements.

For the budget information reported in the financial statements, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to the School's approved budget.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the School's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion.

Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the School to cease to continue as a going concern.

- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We assess the risk of material misstatement arising from the school payroll system, which may still contain errors. As a result, we carried out procedures to minimise the risk of material errors arising from the system that, in our judgement, would likely influence readers' overall understanding of the financial statements.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other information

The Board are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of our report is the List of Members of the Board, Statement of Responsibility, Statement of Variance, Evaluation of the school's students' progress and achievement, Report on how the school has given effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Statement of compliance with employment policy, and Kiwisport funding, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the School in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) (PES 1)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the School.



Aaron Higham
BDO Invercargill
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Invercargill, New Zealand