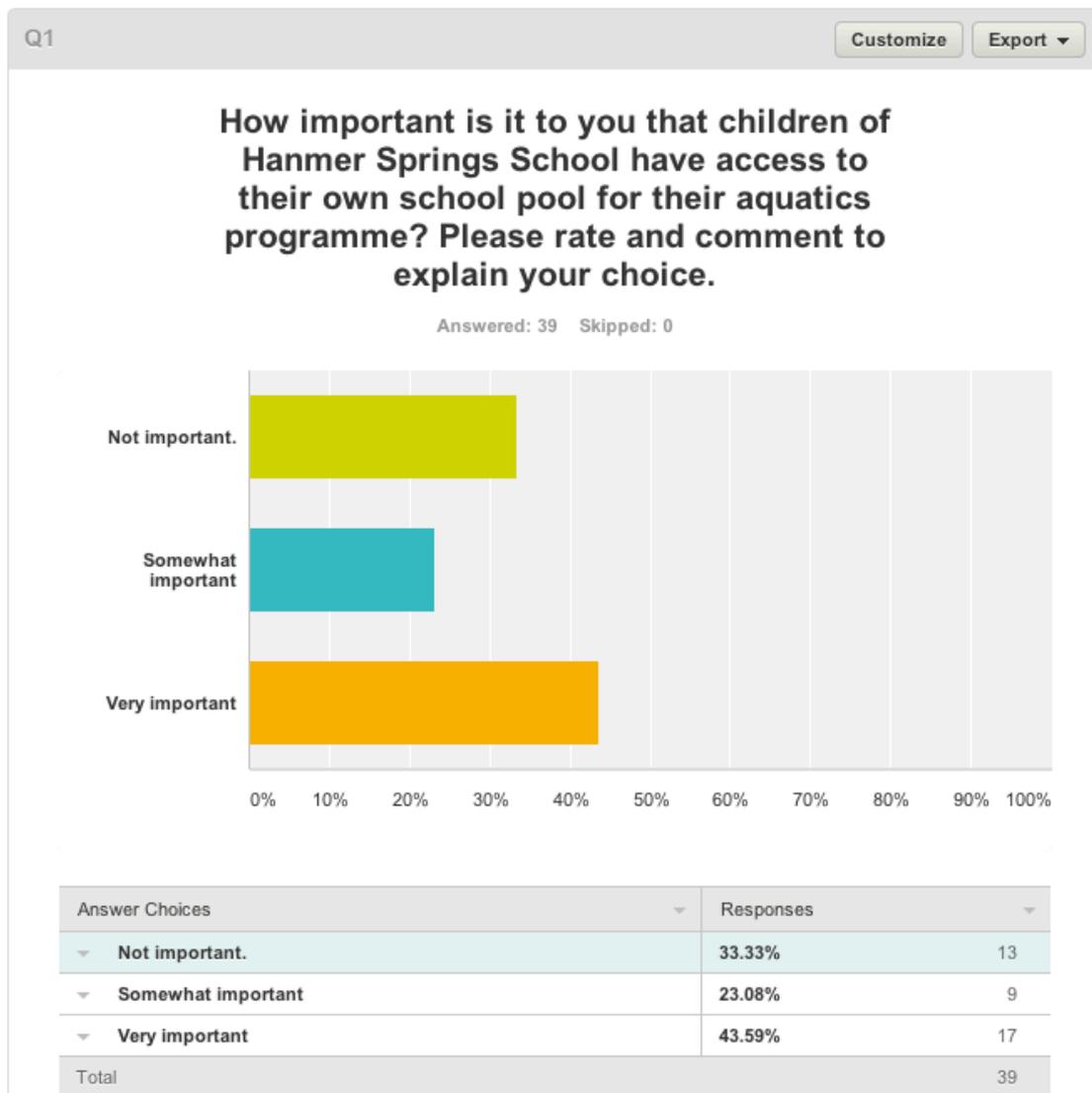


School Swimming Pool Consultation July 2014

Thank you for your comments and feedback regarding our school swimming programme and pool facility. 39 surveys were completed. Please see below summary of results.

The board of trustees will now be considering your feedback when making decisions about the school pool.



It is very important for all New Zealand Children to learn to swim and have safe water skills

All kids should learn to swim . A school pool is where they should practice .

I think it is important that children have access to a school aquatics programme. Don't think it is important that it is done from their own school pool.

The children can take ownership of what their school has! They don't have to share with the general public!

Money used for the maintenance of the school could be used for access to the Hot Pools.

With easy access to local larger and heated pool it seems pointless to pour money into the school pool which gets minimal use over the entire year period.

Good for younger children to learn water skills for survival

Use thermal pool better as we are local, we need that to be priorities, specially its a short term used.

Im in the middle as they have access to the thermal pools, ideally though it would be great to have a pool of their own so they can use it whenever, the pools can get a bit over crowded with tourist

Just feel its not so important when we have a great facility 2 minutes away and money could be better spent somewhere else within the school

Learning water safety is a priority

Only because we have the close access to the hot pools.

Think all children should be be able to access a pool to learn water safty

We have the thermal pools available. Not sure what the cost of using them are to the school?

It would become very important however if we were not able to access swimming tuition privately at the pools or via a school program there.

All our children need plenty of time in the water to become confident and capable .

I think unless the school heats the pool, then the school should just walk over to the hot pools

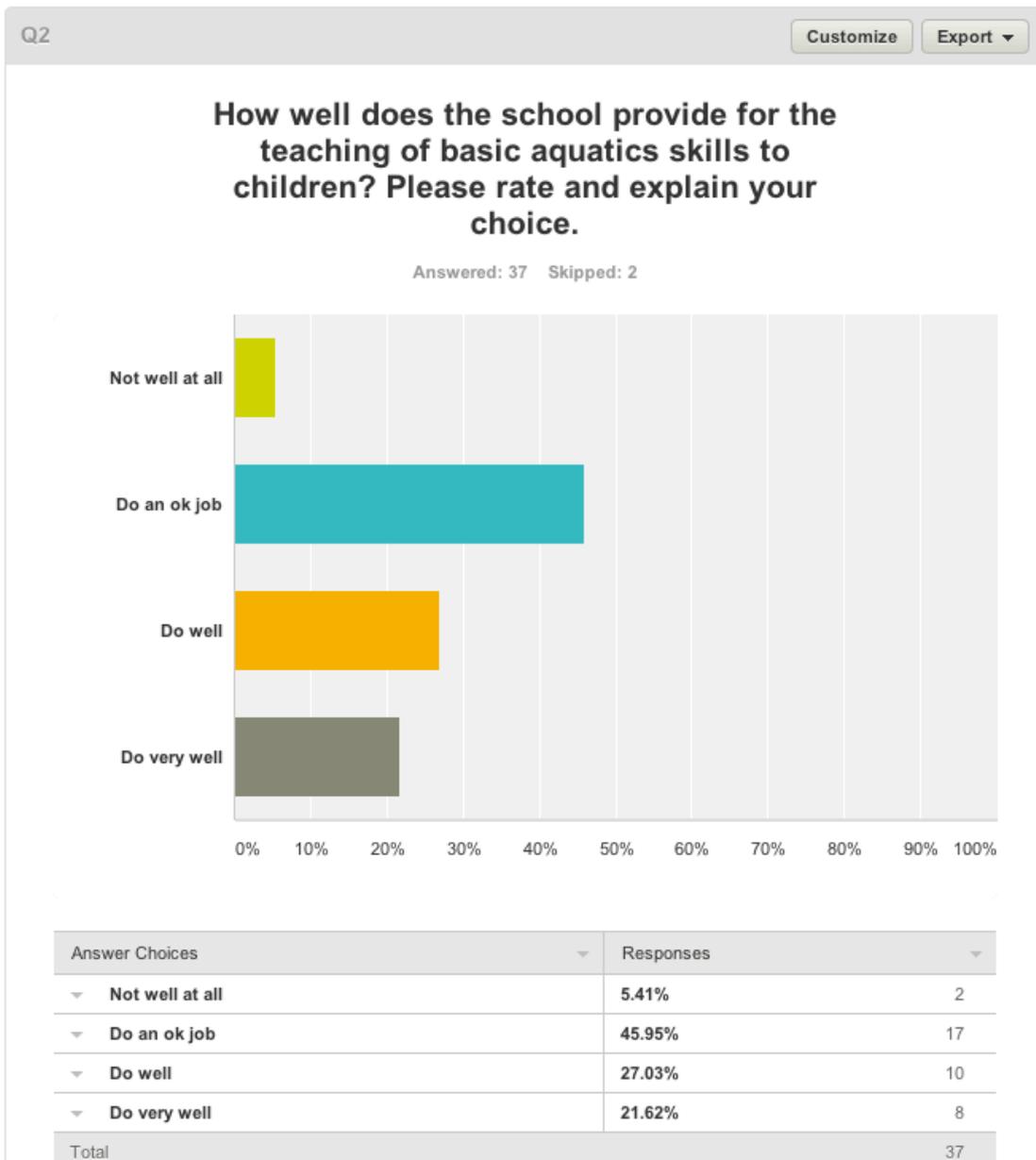
Use the council pool

Don't see the point of school having to fund own pool, when the thermal pools are a short walk down the road. Water temp, trained swimming coaches & life guards also facilites kept to tourists standards.

Even if it is not used for structured lessons, I think water confidence comes with lots of time spent in the pool and the more opportunities we can provide the better.

We do have a great facility 150 metres down the road, however, there are children who for whatever reason may not have access to this facility. Giving them access to an aquatics programme in a safe environment is very important.

Living in Hanmer I am surprised that the school even has its own pool.



It was a fantastic programme run by the School and North Canterbury last year at the Thermal Pools

It's a great chance to learn why swimming is brilliant. All age groups should be exposed to some lessons.

Swim survival. Not swimming lessons.

I really like how the Chn, get the 9 swim days each year!!

One teacher can only do so much with such a large class at various abilities...not ideal.

Great to see there has been a big improvement with introduction of Wai Swim using skilled instructors. Also this is important for children who not able to participate in local Learn to Swim lessons

Second option to priorities

Not enough time spent swimming

They teach the simple skills which is needed and adequate, I don't rely on teachers to have to teach our children to swim.

I think they have done a great job (although think it should be more often) but believe the teaching at the thermal pools was the most effective.

Has given my son more confidence in the water

I feel the children would benefit from having adults in the water with them.

It's hard to comment because the amount of swimming done at school is very limited.

Usually too cold.

Waiswim is awesome

Certainly helped in water confidence!!!

ok because of the limited time in the pool thus far, if we could have it available longer then more time would be spent in the water.

I would get specialized teachers in to do this.

I think that Wai Swim is very valuable, more valuable than the 2 weeks spent with teachers in January. I hope we never lose that opportunity!

Would prefer coaches in water with children focusing solely on swimming, and not having to supervise children as well.

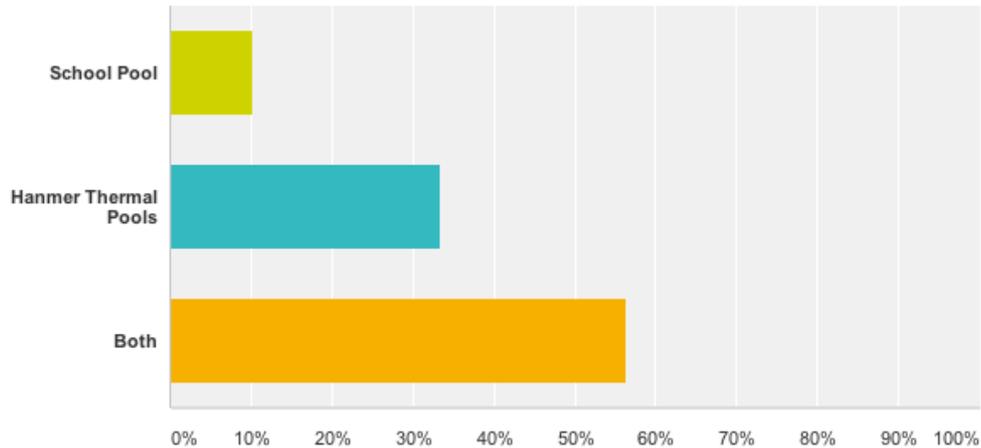
We could do with more lessons - maybe a block of lessons in term 4 and another block in term 1.

Our kids are part of swim club, swim squad and also undertake swimming lessons so the only value we get is from the 2 weeks Wai Swim. This is not a criticism of the teachers, they are teachers not qualified swim instructors. There are children at school that only get exposure to water safety through our school pool.

I feel that the pool is too cold for the children to be able to learn the aquatic skills being offered.

Which pool(s) would you prefer children to use for their aquatics programme? Please choose and comment.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
▾ School Pool	10.26% 4
▾ Hanmer Thermal Pools	33.33% 13
▾ Both	56.41% 22
Total Respondents: 39	

As It would be wonderful to have the school pool at our school, making it easier on the teaching staff and not the need for parent help to walk them to the Thermal Pools. The costs way out the convienence. maybe we could have a longer swimming time each year as the thermal pools offer all round swimming.

Not worried.

I see the need for both! Great to get the expertise from thermal pools! But quite possibly gain moor confidance in a pool that not so big

Easier for all involved!

Kids get very little from school pool lessons as they are usually too cold to concentrate. We have experienced children feeling stressful about going to school due to freezing pool lessons.

Only as our children are now at the level where they need a larger pool to build on their current skills.

Better and good surroundings for a change to the children

Both if great benefits for the children

Either pool is great as long as the children can use them both.

Warmer for the children. No maintenance for the school. How busy are the hot pools during the week?

The school pool is far too small for able swimmers year 5 and up in my opinion, but would be great if it heated for juniors only and cooling off or playing. There is a large and growing group of club kids who dive start and tumble turn who can't do either in the school pool. I also think the cool temperature are off putting to new or nervous water goers. The school pool assessments the teachers do of the childrens swimming ability are vey inaccurate at times because the pool is so short and and kids can stand in it which gives an unrealistic idea of ability often.

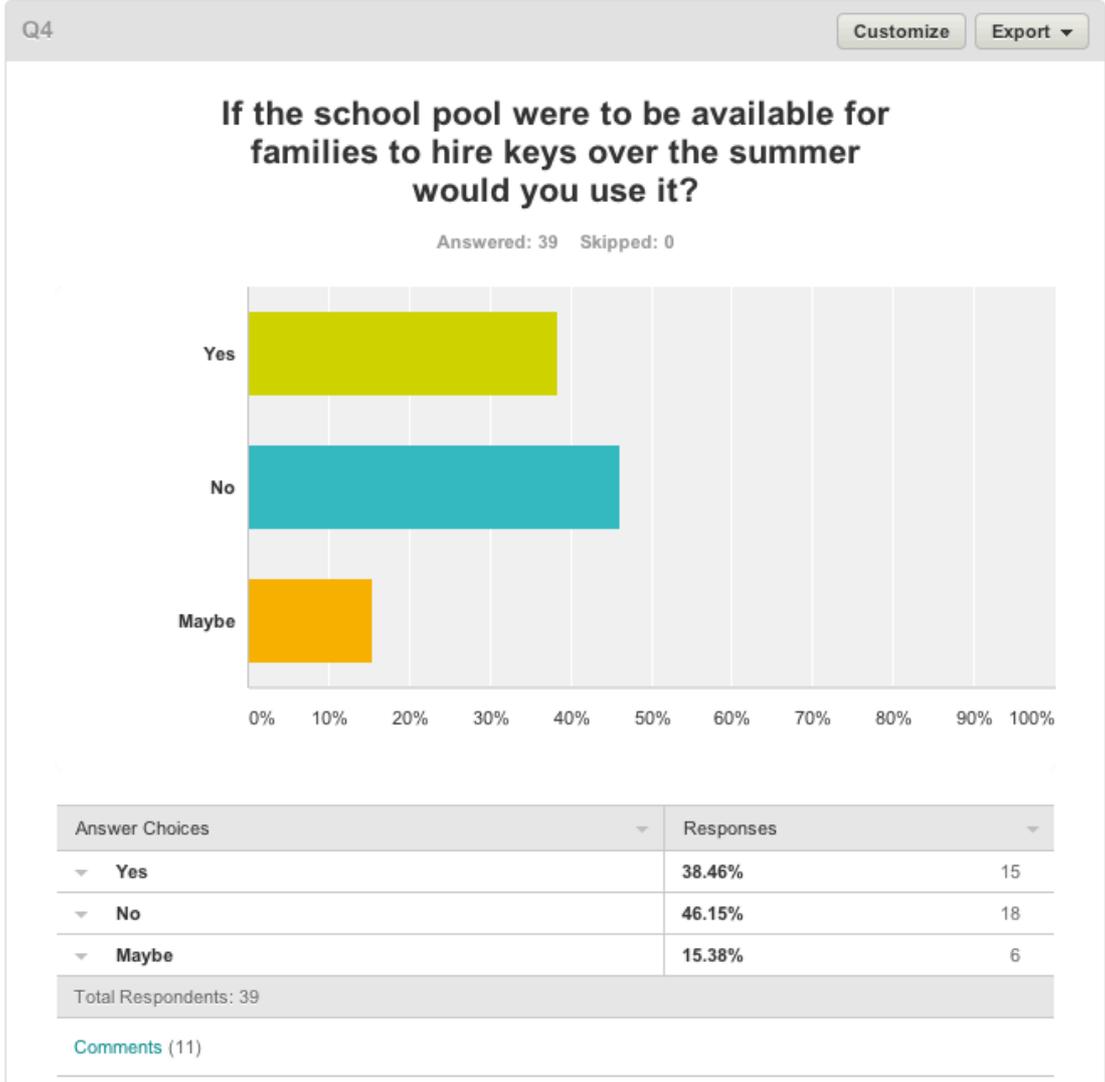
Would be great if the pool could be utilised for longer.

Because it is on site, less time commuting. Would heating the pool be possible?
The school pool is too cold

For my children I would prefer Thermal Pools as it's warmer, deeper, full sized 25m pool and they can do dive starts.

As above

We can use the thermal pools all year round so it is good to have access to them but we are sharing them with the public so it is great to have our own on-site, school-only pool too.



We are lucky to have our own pool at home

We live out of town.

Sure would although we have an annual pass to the pools.

Childhood memory, always loved going to the school pool, pick up the key from the principal say hi and spend hours in the school pool, would love this for my children.

I find that the thermals pools to be very busy would be good to have a more relaxed place to swim.

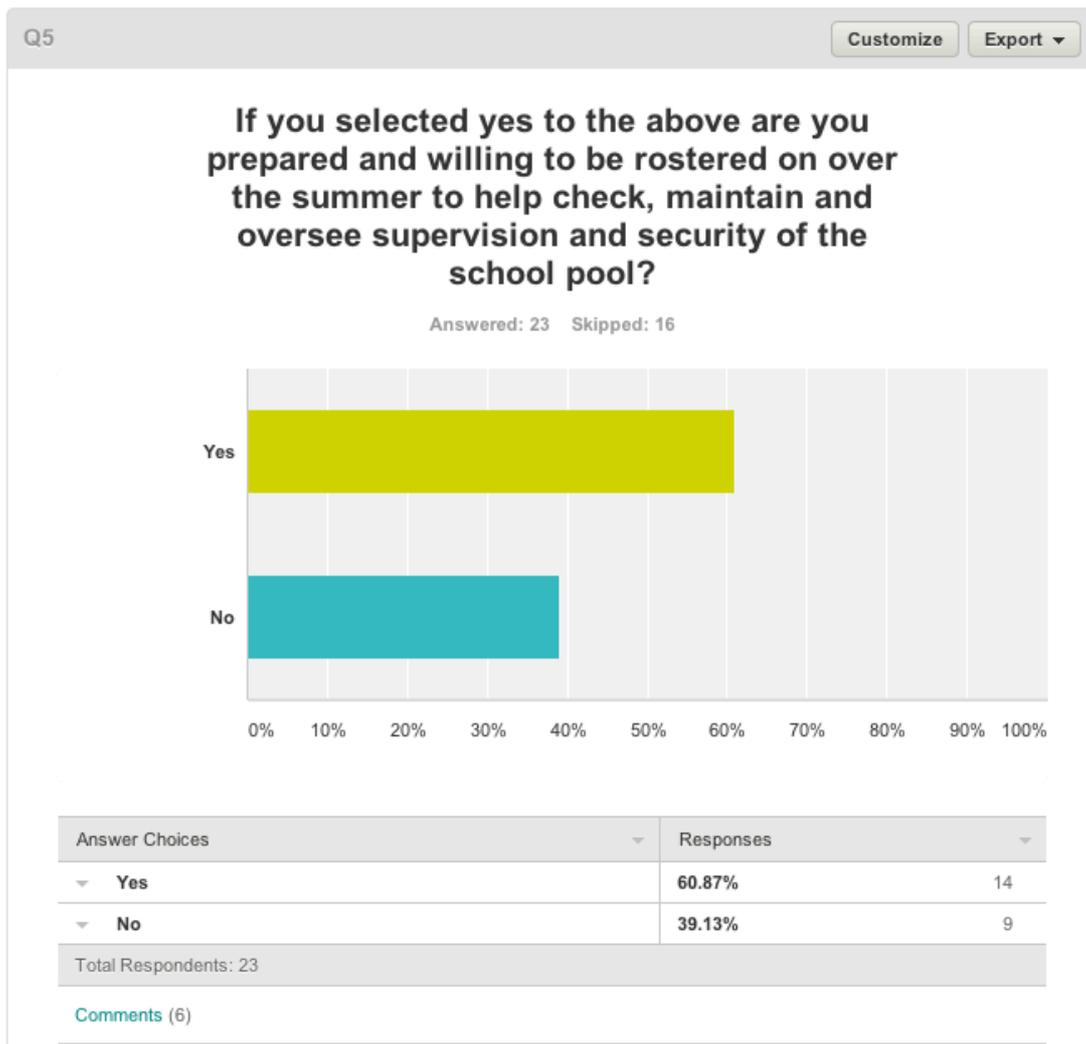
We don't tend to use the Thermal pools much over summer because it is too busy.

That would be great.

Absolutely!!

Our family have a yr pass for the thermal pools

Lots if it was heated!



would try my hardest, if my children were going to be there I would of course be there with them. The rule always was, had to be with a child 14years and the smallest children without adult supervision was 6years. Maybe have rules set out like this.

Depending on needs

Depending on work roster.

Yes, provided there was great support in this area and not a handful of parents on the roster.

If I was to use the school pool over the summer I would be happy too help but I would probably just take my kids to the hot pools. We have the yearly pass but some families don't have that and access to a cheaper pool would benefit these families and children.

We feel that if we want to use it over the summer we have to take a turn at maintaining our pool.

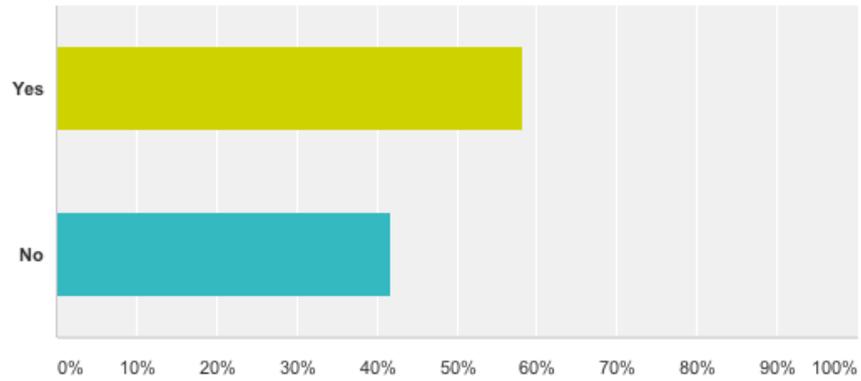
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Are you available to help with parent working bee(s) for ongoing maintenance of the pool?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	58.33% 21
No	41.67% 15

Total Respondents: 36

If not working

Help has already been offered on earlier occasions

Would always try too.

Happy to help.

Do you have any other questions or comments you think the board should consider?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 23

- You all doing a great job and as I said previously It would be wonderful to keep the Pool. But at the state it is in and the cost to us all to keep it up and running let alone getting it all repaired. I beleive we could put the money to better use in the school and we are very lucky to have the Thermal Pools across the street. I would have no problem paying a fee to have the children swim at the Thermal Pools. As I mentioned we might be able to have a extented swimming year.
- I think it would be fantastic to have the school pool up and running and be able to use it during holidays
- The cost of upgrade when there is an aquatic complex within walking distance of the school.
- Would prefer any funding available for swim safety is spent on professional lessons at the thermal pools rather than maintenance on the current school pool - even if the swim lessons were only offered in term 4.
- Very hard call to make considering the finance required. Would highly recommend that you speak with the qualified swim instructor "Kayne Tuapeka"(who is currently involved with training some school children at Thermal Pools) as he has said the school pool would be fantastic (depth /size) for children as a Learn to Swim facility.