

## Site Blessing / Sod Turn Ceremony 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Our new building has begun!! We are so excited to see the beginning of a project that will end with us taking over a brand new innovative learning space that can house the equivalent of three classes both top and bottom. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January we held a



ceremony to bless the land on which the



build is taking place. We were fortunate to have Monsignor David Tonks conduct the blessing as well as having the Associate Minister for Education Hon. Nikki Kaye come along to turn a sod as part of the ceremony. The Vicar of Education for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Linda McQuade, Director of Education Phil Mahony and Property Managers Michael Stride and Michele Elsmore were also present along with members from the project management team, design team and Construction Contractors. Despite the blessing and sod turn occurring during the holidays it was wonderful to see board of trustee members, staff members and families come along to be part of the ceremony. Directly after Monsignor Tonks blessed the land and just before Nikki Kaye spoke two vintage planes flew over in formation – we all thought the timing couldn't



have been better even if we had ordered them ourselves!! We were so lucky to have Nikki come along as it was her first day back at work following her cancer treatment. As such she was also followed by the media – you may have seen images of our school feature on TV3's News Hub at 6pm that Friday night – a great way for our school profile to be raised in our local community!

