

BOARD NEWSLETTER

The school is half way through the year now and we are sure that all our students are working hard with exams, sporting and cultural events all competing for priority. We encourage families to do everything they can to support students at this critical time of the school calendar.

The Board were delighted to attend Matariki celebrations in June where we joined together with Ngāti Rehia, students, whānau and staff. The evening included another spine-tingling performance by our kapa haka group who represented the school so beautifully at the Tai Tokerau Festival last term. It is a very important evening not only for the students, but also for the school when we come together to acknowledge our senior Māori students' achievements. This is followed later in the year with Senior Prizegiving when our top achieving students across the senior school are acknowledged with awards and scholarships in the four cornerstone fields of Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership.

At Matariki we presented a questionnaire to those present and with this newsletter we are now extending that to all families within our community. It is vital for the Board to have your input into our planning for the years ahead, and we are looking for your comments about the three most important things you would like us to consider. Even if you have only one suggestion, we want to hear your voices, and we encourage each and every one of you to complete the survey. If you are unsure about anything in the questionnaire, please feel free to approach any of the Board members listed below. We really do want to hear from you!!!

Our Property Committee extend their thanks on the Board's behalf to all students, staff and families for your continuing patience while our building project at the front of the school is underway. The project is taking longer than we had hoped, with recent unfavourable weather not helping progress. Thanks too to the school's property department led by Richard Pilling for all the work and attention to detail they have put in. We look forward to the completion of Te Puna Waiora next term and with that, being able to offer a great welcoming experience for all students, staff and visitors to our school.

And in closing, a reminder that your Board of Trustees are:

- Wendy Butler (Parent Trustee)
- Elizabeth Forgie (School Principal)
- Chris Galbraith (Parent Trustee)
- Mariaio Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
- Issy Joe (Student Representative)
- Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
- Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Board Chair)
- Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Board Chair)
- Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.

Mrs Sue Richards

Chairperson, Board of Trustees