



Trustee News

May 2018

Kia ora koutou

Our first winter term is well underway with the school busy with cross country running, Matariki preparations and a driving southerly outside as I write this. This newsletter provides an update of what your Board of Trustees has been reviewing and working on as your governance representatives.

As well as the separate items below, the board meeting earlier in the term covered the following:

- An update from Glenys Johnston, our teacher with the Special Needs Coordinator role (SENCO) who coordinates and has oversight of programmes and initiatives that address the specific needs of learners in the school. Glenys provided an update on the way that registers for extension and enrichment are compiled and used by teachers.
- An update on the school-wide professional development programme in reading, contracted to Sharp Reading, and how this leads to classroom practice.
- Review of the updated job description, performance agreement and appraisal process for staff – revised by Tony to be more consistent with the revised Education Council Code of Responsibility and Standards for the Teaching Profession.
- We also heard about recent tree work at the school, other property maintenance issues, and began talking about priorities for the next 5 years' property plan, which is due to be prepared next year.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING – THIS WEDNESDAY 30 MAY

As you will be aware, in the past 12 months the school and board have been reviewing and revising on our emergency procedures. The introduction of the new Vistab system at reception is part of this as it allows us to know who is on site (or not) at all times.

This work has coincided with a push from WREMO (the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office) to engage with communities so we are all better prepared and have realistic expectations if/when a large event were to hit Wellington.

The recent Haitaitai planning workshops were not well attended, so WREMO has now planned meetings at each of the Community Emergency Hubs (Kilbirnie School is called Hataitai South). We're the first school to hold one, this Wednesday 30 May at 7pm. I encourage all of you to send someone from your household to the meeting, as well as telling any interested neighbours who are not affiliated with the school but who may need or be able to provide assistance if there was an emergency.

We will be covering off the school procedures around reunification as well as if and when a community emergency hub were to be activated. As part of the discussion around emergency preparedness, we will also be offering the opportunity to purchase an emergency water tank via the school.

KAHUI AKO UPDATE

The goal of a Kahui Ako is to develop a long term learning pathway for our tamariki from preschool education, through primary, intermediate and secondary school and beyond. Our Kahui Ako has 12 schools, including primaries from the Eastern Zone, EBIS, Rongotai College and Wellington East Girls. The intention is that collaboration between schools will make for better continuity of learning for our tamariki. It is also seen as a career pathway for teachers and principals, as there are roles within the Kahui Ako that will see lead teachers appointed and spending time sharing their expertise across other schools.

After an initial planning phase, this term reflects a more normal work programme for the group. A stewardship meeting is held towards the end of each term for board representatives from all schools, and there are regular meetings with principals and other lead teachers on particular focus areas. We should have an update later this term on the within-school roles for teachers and discussion is progressing on a transformational issue for all schools, which would suit the appointment of teachers to work with several schools in across-school roles.

WE REPRESENT YOU

Below is a list of the members of the Board of Trustees. We have been elected by the school community to oversee the governance of the school, so please get in touch with any of us if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi

Chris Montgomerie
Chair

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