



Trustee News

November 2017

Kia ora koutou

The school is abuzz with activity at the moment in the build up to Market night tomorrow. With the weather looking fine, please encourage friends, family and neighbours to come long for Friday night diner and entertainment at our school.

As a board we are working on budgets for next year at the moment and I can say that the money raised at Parentlink events really does go directly back into the classrooms for the benefit of all of our tamariki.

SCHOOL SURVEY

We are looking at 2018 and beyond as we work on the school's strategic and annual plans, and a key contributor to this work is the school survey that is currently out for family feedback. If you haven't already, I encourage you to fill it out as then we can better reflect your views when we are finalising our plans.

This year we have specific sections on how the school engages with you about your child's learning, questions around the health curriculum, and recent changes in school operation. There is also a section at the end where you can give us any other feedback or comments. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZ67W5F>

POOL ACTIVITY

The refurbishing of the pool has been a major focus of grant applications and time spent on property issues this year, and we are really pleased that it is being enjoyed by so many children now that the sun has decided to shine. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be on the pool committee and look after the pool over the Christmas break for our key holders. Thanks again to Victoria Taylor who has led this work and the committee, and to Mark our caretaker who has completed pool maintenance training to ensure it is in top condition during term time. It really is a fantastic community asset.

KAHUI AKO UPDATE

Work on the formation of the eastern Wellington Kahui Ako (previously called Community of Learning) continues. This year I have been to a series of meetings with chairs from the 11 other schools in our group, and Tony has worked on the principals' working group. An appointment panel has been confirmed and recruitment is underway for a 'Lead Principal' who will be released from their own school role for a portion of the time to work on the shared goals of the Kahui Ako.

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.

FINAL BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR

Our final board meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 12 December. We have invited representatives from Parentlink and Kilbirnie After School Care to attend, and will also have hub leaders and senior staff present to report on highlights from the year, as well as looking at achievement statistics. All board meetings are open to the public.

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.

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