

BOARD BANTER.

The recent Board of Trustees elections did not eventuate as we received five nominations for the five vacancies available. Therefore, we welcome four new members, Ina Marais, Hannah Lauwers, Sarah Burns and Chris Hawkins to the Board to join myself, Mark and Tania Hall (Staff rep). I would like to thank those who have served in the last term, Iain Cambridge as Chair, Sunil Pinnamaneni, Dan Lauwers, Kate Shaw and Karen Stockmann, for the dedication and hard work that they have put into the school. We cannot function as a Board without people such as this.

We have already had our first meeting and I have been privileged to be elected as Chairman. This is not a role that I take lightly and I will continue to work wholeheartedly for the school. All members have also attended a training session run by the School Trustees Association to gain an insight in what is involved with being on a Board and the responsibilities that go with it.

The Board has recently signed off on two projects that have been on the cards for some time. The water system has been upgraded with a new UV filter and an iron filtration system. This should improve the quality of the water and also rectify some of the issues that we have been experiencing. Over the holidays we will also have workmen in to repair the cobbles outside of Room 2 and also to replace the decking around it. These projects have been in the wings for some time but have been delayed outside of our control. We now have some momentum and hopefully will see others ticked off before the year is out.

The Education Review Office recently concluded their visit to the school and were very happy with what they have seen. They were very impressed with the way that our School Values are being lived daily, not only by staff and students, but by parents and school community. They have given us positive feedback and a strong endorsement of the way the school is tracking.

You will by now have had the opportunity to sit with your child's teacher and review their progress through the first half of the year. I hope that the new reporting system and look at the on-line Learning Journal format has given you confidence. I look forward to engaging in this moving forward so that we can see more regularly what our children are doing.

It is our intent to have a regular communication through the newsletter as to what is going on, and we will get the new members to introduce themselves during the first weeks of the new term.

The Board is always open to feedback and we now have a dedicated e-mail should you wish to use it : chairbot@paterangi.school.nz .I can also be contacted on 0278092055 should you wish to discuss any issues.

Alan Patterson. Board Chair.