

BOARDTalk

An update from the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees



Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of BOARDTalk 2015.

It has been an eventful month in a number of ways. We hope you were not adversely affected by the flooding last week and were reassured that your children were kept safe at the school until they were able to be collected. We know we were!

Our last meeting, on 20 May, was another packed agenda - we didn't meet in April due to the school holidays. In the main discussion related to the recent burglary, the weather bomb, data analysis of target student progress and the 3-year strategic planning process.

May meeting highlights:

- > The 3-year strategic planning process is now well under way. The response from students, teachers and parents to the Vision, Mission and Values provided some good and insightful input for consideration. This is being 'digested' and will be used to contribute to the consultation evening on the 26th of June. A school disco and wine & cheese evening will be hosted by Home and School so come along to see the progress we are making and to give your feedback about the future of your child's education.
- > The break-in and theft of some computers is still being investigated. The Police have taken prints and blood samples so should be able to identify the culprit(s) if they have their details on file. The alarm system, which failed to trigger on the night, has been tested and found to be working. Additional patrols have been put in place and security will be enhanced with the installation of video cameras in the school. We are certainly doing what we can to safeguard our environment.
On this note, the Maungaraki Community Association is seeking comments on any crime you know about in the area, just visit www.Facebook.com/Maungaraki.
- > The Board regularly reviews data on student performance to track progress. This month we looked at our Target Students data in reading, writing and maths. We are pleased with the improvements made, especially given the short first term that included technology and swimming. This is a progressive measure and we expect students will continue to show improvement throughout the year.
- > The weather bomb which turned out to also be a traffic bomb that hit Wellington last week was a good test of the school's emergency procedures.

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- > It was noted that school communications were timely and reassuring. We certainly hope parents feel confident that in the event of an emergency resulting in the unavailability of phone and or Internet, the school has procedures in place to look after and care for your children until such time as they can be reunited with you.

Next meeting and BoT information

Our next BoT meeting will be held on 17 June, 2015, 7.00pm in the school staff room.

We would like to remind you that a full copy of each monthly BoT meeting minutes is available on the school website or by request from the school office. Also, if you would like to raise a matter with the BoT or to attend a meeting please see the school website for details.

Janine, Simon, Lisa, Janet, Phil, Kaylee and Greg.