

BOARDTalk

An update from the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees



Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of BOARDTalk 2015.

Another exciting month for the BoT. Progress has been made on the strategic plan, the new playground is underway and teachers have been successful in not one but two Teacher Led Innovation Fund awards. How good is that!

And the other good news is that Police have apprehended a person who has admitted to breaking into the school.

June meeting highlights:

- The 3-year strategic planning process is nearing completion. A penultimate draft will be ready for the final round of consultation to be held on the 26th of June hosted by Home & School. Come along from 6pm to 8pm to help finalize the plan for the future of your child's education and enjoy some wine and cheese while your children are at the sci-fi disco.
- As you will have seen, the council has removed the old playground and have commenced work on the new one. The council plans to complete the work by the end of June. We expect the new playground to be ready for use by the time school returns from holidays in July. We are all keen to see exactly what it will look like - very exciting!
- The council's Travel to School Plan was tabled at the meeting. It is a comprehensive document reflecting a significant amount of work and containing some useful proposals. The Board and the school will review the document and work with the council and other stakeholders to most effectively improve the safety and well being of the students as they get to and from school.
- The Well-being survey results were presented and reviewed by the BoT. Overall the 2015 figures show that the younger children in Yr1 to Yr4 have more concerns than the older Yr 5 to Yr 8 students. It is difficult to identify any clear trends in the data. A few students mentioned that they don't have friends or have friendship concerns and where this was the case individual follow-up has taken place. Staff are already planning options to support these students such as the ongoing use of the PALS group and developing a friendship garden.

- Two teachers from our school are involved in collaborative research projects that have attracted funding from the Ministry's Teacher Lead Innovation Fund. Rebecca Perkins will be working with other new entrant and pre school teachers across Lower Hutt to research effective transitions to school; While Jackie Sutherland will be working with Year 7&8 teachers from Korokoro and Our Lady of The Rosary schools to investigate effective teaching strategies that lead to a strong sense of ownership and 'agency' in their learning.
- The BoT is now into its third year and succession planning processes are underway. If you are interested in being on a part of the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees in the future or would like to know more about what is involved please contact us to find out more.

Next meeting and BoT information

Our next BoT meeting will be held on 22 July, 2015, 7.00pm in the school staff room.

We would like to remind you that a full copy of each monthly BoT meeting minutes are 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 or contact us for details.

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