

BOARDTalk

An update from the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees



Welcome

Welcome to the July 2015 edition of BOARDTalk.

We hope you all had a wonderful break and like us are back into the swing of another term. Unfortunately the weather kept a few of us indoors during the holidays including the playground construction crew, resulting in the playground taking longer to complete than planned. Hopefully another few weeks will see it finished.

We continue to make good progress with the school's strategic plan. A number of valuable contributions were received from parents and teachers at the recent wine and cheese evening and we look forward to sharing the final version of the plan with the school community in the upcoming weeks.

As some of you may know several students (**Felix Williamson, Hannah Kells and Tasneem Aung**) were selected to present at the Learning and Change conference in Auckland over the holidays. They were particularly well received by a packed audience. Since the presentation, other schools, including one from New York have expressed interested in coming to learn more about the approach being applied here at Maungaraki.

July meeting highlights:

- > Input to the strategic plan from the Home and School sponsored wine and cheese consultation.
- > The BoT co-opted two new members at this meeting, **Kerry Ryan** and **Paul Matthews**. It is great to see more parents interested in being involved in the BoT particularly as next year is a BoT election year. If you are interested in being 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.
- > Half yearly attendance data was reviewed during the meeting. Though attendance is slightly down on last year (by a couple of percentage points) it is still well over 90% for all levels, the majority of students being absent for explained and justified reasons.
- > School dates for 2016 were also ratified at the meeting. They will be:
 - Term 1: 3rd Feb- 15 April
 - Term 2: 2nd May - 8 July
 - Term 3: 25th July - 23rd Sept
 - Term 4: 10th Oct - 16th Dec

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- > As previously noted, the school relies heavily on the annual school donation to provide our students with the best education and resources possible. We're delighted to say that we've now reached 71% of budgeted donation income, so thanks to all families that have made their contribution. Note that the school can set up an instalment option if you'd like to contribute but can't pay it in one go.

Next meeting and BoT information

Our next BoT meeting will be held on 18 August, 2015, 7.00pm in the school staff room.

Remember that a full copy of monthly BoT meeting minutes are also available on the school website or by request from the school office. 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, Greg, Kerry and Paul.

