

# BOARDTalk

*An update from the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees*



## Welcome

Welcome to the June 2016 edition of BOARDTalk.

Following the recent election this was the first official meeting of the new Board of Trustees (BoT). Highlights of the BoT meeting included:

- Paul Matthews and Phil Belcher were unanimously voted in as the new Board of Trustees **Chair** and **Deputy Chair** respectively.
- **Physical Education and Health Curriculum Report.** Chris Cowman's report acknowledged Maungaraki School's solid health and physical education programmes, and identified the potential for enhancements to be made through clearer structures, increased resources and professional development. The BoT is happy to support these enhancements.

Feedback from the 'Physical Education, Health & Well Being Survey' showed 'very important' teaching areas were mental health eg. Kia Kaha, Self Esteem, Life Education and relating to others at 82% and physical skills/activities eg. Swimming, Kicking, Striking, Catching, Throwing, Fitness and Movement at 75%.

- **Hautū - Māori Cultural Responsiveness.** The board has completed an internal review of our cultural responsiveness. Further actions for growth have been identified with the board committing to raise its level of understanding of Ka Hikitia and Tataiako. It will also engage with the Māori community via Ngā Kākanō Puawai in setting, monitoring and reviewing charter goals for Māori students.
- **NZCER Teacher Workplace Survey.** In summary, there has been a noticeable positive improvement in most areas since the 2014 survey. Overall the results show that our staff are more positive about their workplace than national results from schools across the country. Managing workload and ensuring work/life balance continues to be a challenge that we strive to actively manage.
- **Dental Clinic Refurbishment.** The School has officially received the building which previously housed the Dental clinic and the BoT has approved funding to undertake the required work to turn this into a usable teaching space.

## Next meeting and BoT information

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:00pm on the 10th August in the school staff room. Remember that a full copy of monthly BoT meeting minutes is 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.

*Paul, Phil, Kaylee, Newton, Kerry, Lisa and Janet*