

# BOARDTalk

*An update from the Maungaraki School Board of Trustees*



## Welcome

Welcome to the August 2016 edition of BOARDTalk.

Highlights of the recent BoT meeting included:

### **Student Achievement Data**

The Board received the latest report on student achievement data in Reading, Writing and Maths at this meeting. It is great to see the majority of priority learners making accelerated progress in this area. Congrats to all staff and students for their hard work.

### **Department of Corrections Notification**

The recent relocation and subsequent removal of a child sex offender in our community has brought a heightened awareness of our children's safety to our entire community. As a school we have tried to take a balanced view around this issue. Our priority is the safety of all children and staff while at school. School management and staff have discussed and reviewed current procedures and we are confident with the safeguards in place around the protection of our children while within the care of the school. We are currently talking with our police education officer and intend to book in the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme early next year as a timely reminder for children.

### **Parent Donations**

We have had a steady stream of school donations recently. Thank you to all those who have paid donations already, this contributes directly to teaching and learning programmes and is much appreciated.

### **Successful Grant Applications**

Pub Charities and Pelorus Trust have donated \$3,000 and \$5,000 respectively to the school. This money will go toward the cost of travel, accommodation and activities for the senior camp to the South Island later in the year. These generous donations will enable families to save approximately \$150 off the total camp costs. Special thanks to Nicola Prichard for her fantastic work on preparing both grant applications.

### **NZSTA Conference**

Two of our BOT members attended the NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) conference held in Wellington over the July holidays. Between them they attended a wide range of workshops relating to governance in schools. All of the speakers were worthwhile and the opportunity to network with other school trustee members was invaluable.

## Next meeting and BoT information

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:00pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> September in the school staff room. 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*