

## Welcome

Welcome to the October 2016 edition of BOARDTalk.

It's a busy time of year for the school, and with the Principal appointment process, new Board of Trustees member and other matters, the Board of Trustees has been flat-out.



Highlights of the latest BoT meeting include:

### ➤ **Sam Dungey joins the Board of Trustees**

Following mandatory reporting in the Hutt News, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce **Sam Dungey** has been confirmed by the Board to fill the Casual Vacancy following Kerry Ryan stepping down (due to a new employment position creating a conflict of interest).

Sam is General Manager of Ocean Design (a branding consultancy) and brings an excellent perspective onto the Board.

### ➤ **Principal Appointment update**

Thanks to everyone in the school community (parents and staff) who provided feedback to the Board's "New Principal" consultation. We had a strong response and clear input into the process from many parents and teachers.

All feedback was considered in detail by the Board and it was great to see so many strong views. Generally speaking, the feedback was overwhelmingly supportive of the Board's position, which is that the school is looking for a period of stability following a lot of change in recent years, but must continue to move forward and not stand still. Unsurprisingly, academic outcomes topped the priority list, along with fostering the strong relationship between school and community.

The Principal role is currently being advertised, closing 11th November. If you're interested in our selection criteria, check out the Principal Info Pack here: <http://tinyurl.com/maungaraki>

### ➤ **Parent Donation Levels for 2017**

Over the last two meetings the Board of Trustees has been carefully considering the level of parent donations for 2017. At the end of this process the Board has opted to significantly reduce the level of donations for larger families (with 3 or more children at the school) while again not increasing the donation levels for any other family.

The 2017 levels have been set to:

1st Child:	\$200	
2nd Child:	\$180	
3rd+ Child:	\$0	<i>(Maximum of \$380 for any family)</i>

While we acknowledge that school donations can be a burden on some families, they are extremely important to the school and **make a very real difference** to both the standard of education and depth of offering the school is able to give our children.



➤ **Strategic Aim progress review**

The BoT reviewed progress against our agreed actions to achieve the school's strategic aims in Reading, Writing and Maths. It was noted there was a high level of activity taking place and we were particularly encouraged with the high level of shared discussion and thought provided by the teaching staff against each of the stated objectives.

➤ **Jubilee Update**

The school's 50th Jubilee will take place over three days, Friday 1 September, Saturday 2 September and Sunday 3 September 2017. If you know of anyone who attended or was a staff member at either Puketiro, Otonga or Maungaraki School please let them know about the upcoming jubilee. A jubilee facebook page has been set up where updated information will be posted. Just follow the link <https://goo.gl/zfcx3w>.

## Next meeting and BoT information

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. 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, Sam, Janet and Jackie*