

Welcome

Welcome to the May-July 2017 edition of BOARDTalk.

It's a hugely busy time of year for both the Board of Trustees and the school as a whole. The Board is currently working through the 10 year plan for buildings and maintenance, including detailed planning for the next 5 years, and there are some great improvements coming for our school.



Highlights of the most recent BoT meetings include:

➤ **Pulse of the Community Survey**

Thanks to the significant number of families who completed the “pulse of the community” survey at the end of the previous term. As well as some excellent comments and suggestions, the feedback was incredibly positive with strong support for our new Principal and our teaching and support teams. **89.2%** of families are happy or very happy with the quality of education offered by Maungaraki School (with all bar 1 of the remainder neutral) and there was strong satisfaction with the strategic direction, level of communication, and activities.

The Board considered all feedback in detail and has made some upcoming changes as a result. The next survey will be conducted at the end of Term 3.

➤ **Home & School Adidas Fun Run**

The board expressed huge thanks to the Home & School for the organisation of the Adidas fun run fundraiser in April. This event not only raised a fantastic total of \$7,450 but also provided an opportunity for our community to come together and have some fun. The tireless efforts of the Home and School committee and their helpers is gratefully acknowledged.

➤ **Working Bee**

Our recent school working bee was a huge success. We had over 100 helpers down at school to help keep our school looking beautiful. This is an amazing response and we would like to thank each and every person that turned out to help. A special mention to Jackie Sutherland and her Enviro Team for organising the event, Hazel Andis and the Nga Kaka Puoi group for keeping the workers well feed and to all the staff that gave up their Saturday to help. This huge community involvement means we now have wonderful looking gardens, a full sandpit (thanks to Home and School), fresh paint and some wonderful new art to decorate the school.

➤ **Roll Growth**

Maungaraki School is currently in a state of steady growth and is at a point where we will need more classrooms than we currently have to support our in-zone growth.

We have had more families and children moving into the area over the last few years, plus we have 2 small year-groups that have moved through the school over the last 8 years, the last of which is in Year 8 currently (meaning the current smaller group will be replaced with a much larger group next year). Normandale School has also announced they will shortly be consulting on a new school zone which will add additional roll pressure to our school.

The Board and Senior Staff have been actively involved in discussions with the Ministry of Education's roll growth and property teams over the last 3 months, looking at options and ways in which the Ministry can support the school to accommodate the extra students coming to our school. We hope to be able to make some announcements on this in the next few months.



➤ **Property Update**

Property has been a big focus area in recent months. As mentioned above, as well as roll growth pressure, this year we're working on both the 10 year property plan for the school and a detailed 5 year maintenance arrangement with the Ministry of Education.

Our community has also told us they want us to prioritise replacing our current hard surfaces (such as the courts in the middle of our school) with a far more appropriate play and learning surface, and we're currently working through how this can be funded by the school and community alongside some drainage remedial work here and in other areas.

The overall property planning for the next 10 years is a significant programme of work, however through the various property projects we see a big opportunity to transform, freshen and modernise many areas of the school. We expect to be able to announce the overall vision and plans around property improvements in Term 3.

➤ **Teaching and Learning**

The last Board Meeting saw the Arts, and P.E and Health, reports presented. Both reports detailed the work that occurs throughout the school in these areas.

The P.E and Health report highlighted the emphasis the school has placed on Sports Start and the success the school is having at interschool events. The Arts report highlighted the use of the arts throughout the learning programme at Maungaraki. We have a particular focus on the Arts coming in term 3 this year with our Major Production occurring.

➤ **Treaty of Waitangi Policy**

The Treaty of Waitangi policy was approved at the June meeting, you can view the content on the Maungaraki school website:

http://www.maungaraki.school.nz/Site/Board_of_Trustees/School_Policies.ashx

Next meeting and BoT information

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on the 9 August. 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.

Maungaraki School Board of Trustees

Paul Matthews (chair), **Phil Belcher**, **Kaylee Gibbs**, **Newton King**,
Sam Dungey, **Janet Evans** (staff rep) and **Shane Robinson**
(principal)

