

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER



## ➔ School Goals for 2018

Having clear school goals every year is extremely important to us as a Board, as they give clear direction for everyone in the school community, and unite us as we move forward together. This year we have five key goals, and all of us can help with seeing them achieved:

1. **Maths** - Teachers are working with a facilitator to find ways to refine their teaching in Maths. You can support this and keep in touch by attending Maths information meetings that are planned for later in the year.
2. **Reports** - We are looking at how we share student achievement information and possible ways this could be updated. Watch out for a survey and call for feedback on possible options that will be coming out soon.
3. **Community of Learning** - Getting the most benefit we can from our work with other schools in the Matamata Community of Learning, as well as helping others as we are able.
4. **Māori Language and Culture** - It has been wonderful to see how our community has embraced this development work in the school with Te reo Māori (language), and this year we will be working on developing the presence of Māori culture in the school community.
5. **School Property** - We have great school facilities, but this year is a very important year for the Board in continuing this into the future by getting a new plan for the next 10 years approved by the Ministry of Education. Once that is approved we can access funds to make it happen.

## ➔ Mr Mac on Sabbatical Leave in Term 2

We are pleased to announce that Dean McDonnell has been awarded Ministry of Education Sabbatical Leave for term two of this year. During this time Dean will be completing visits to other schools and studies into ways that he can continue to be the best possible leader he can be. This is a great opportunity for Dean to take time to see what is going on in the wider education network, and reflect on areas for Hinuera school to keep strongly developing into the future. As this is official Ministry of Education leave, it is fully funded to provide extra staffing which allows our school to function as normal. So Jade Butler will be Acting Principal in term 2, Judith Maguire will be Acting DP, Marie Whaley will be Acting AP, and at least one other staff member will be stepping up and growing their leadership, as well as others being employed in extra release roles to support this. As a Board we have been working closely with Dean and Jade to prepare for this period, so that it is as seamless as possible. We want to thank all the staff that have been so willing to step up and make this Sabbatical possible for Dean.

## ➔ School Staff

With the teacher shortage around the country we are pleased to say that we are fully staffed with a great team throughout the school. This includes teachers Dean McDonnell (Principal), Jade Butler (R1 and DP), Erin Brown (R2), Emma Lockett (R3), Marie Whaley (R4 and Junior Team Leader), Natalie de Jong (R5), Steve Cordery (R6), Deb Sadler (R7), Judith Maguire (R8 and AP), Margaret Orr (Reading Recovery), Glenda Corkill (Release) and Di Moorhead (Release). Carol Murray and Sandy McLaren continue their roles in the office and Anny Mitchell as caretaker. We want to highlight the work of our wonderful teacher aides Marion Kahler, Josephine Lee and Synnove Germann. Teacher aides do exactly what their names suggest, aiding teachers by supporting class and learning programmes. This year the staff team are aiming to have more of this happen in classroom spaces, rather than taking groups to other rooms. So far this seems to be going well, and we thank our teachers and teacher aides for their effort in making this change.

Di Moorhead will be leaving us at the end of term 1, as she is moving to Northland. As a Board we have highly valued Di's contribution to the Hinuera School, and her work as the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) in recent years has been outstanding. We want to thank Di for all her work. We are currently advertising to appoint a replacement for Di's teacher release work. Jade Butler is now covering the SENCO role.

**Many thanks for your continued support in 2018—Your Hinuera School BOT**