

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER



## ➔ 2019 Up and Running!

It has been great to see the school get off to a great start, with classroom learning, swimming programmes and many events already well under way. As your Board we encourage all school families to stay in touch and support the learning your children are involved in—it really makes a difference.

## ➔ BOT Elections in 2019

Board elections happen every three years and they are coming up in May/June this year. If anyone is interested in the role of the Board, you are welcome to come to either of our next couple of meetings and see how these run. They are scheduled to be held at school on 27th March and 1st May at 7pm. Please contact a current board member if you would like to know more about what it involves, and ask any questions you may have. If you are new to the school and don't know any current board members, please ask at the office and they will be able to put you in contact with one of us. There is also information about becoming a board member on our school website, under the Our People/Our BOT tabs. The call for nominations for the new Board will go out from 10th May.

## ➔ Hinuera Vision for Learning and Strategic Planning

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Vision Statement review, including the survey at the end of 2018, and those who were able to join us for the meeting on 12th February. This has led to a confirmed Vision Statement of 'Building a Strong Future', as an inspiring and future focused phrase to capture how we are approaching the way ahead. We have also revised our Strategic Plan to include 7 Key Areas that everyone's input has highlighted as vital if we are living this vision. They are:

1. Knowing our 'Strong Foundation'
2. Embracing 'Community'
3. Developing more 'Collaboration'
4. Embracing 'Challenge'
5. Building a 'Future Focused' Learning Community
6. Developing more 'Curiosity' in what and how we learn
7. Promoting well rounded 'Success'

The full description of these vision areas can be found in our 2019 Charter and Strategic Plan, under the Our Place/Our Charter tabs on the school website.

## ➔ School Staff

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Deb Sadler, and her husband Matt, as they prepare for the new arrival in their family. We are currently advertising for a teacher to cover Deb's maternity leave from late May, and will advise Rata classroom families when this is resolved. Michelle Louw is finishing her teacher aide role after several months of great service to the school, and we wish her well as she continues her studies. We are also currently advertising Michelle's role.

## ➔ School Property Plan

During 2018 we worked with the Ministry of Education to sign off a new 5 Year Property Agreement that allows us to access new funds for property needs in the school. As indicated back in August 2018, we did extra work to try and access an additional \$160,000 for classroom modernisation, and we are pleased to say this work was successful, and has been fully signed off by the Ministry of Education! This gives us a total budget for all property works over the 5 year period of \$537,000. We are currently working with architects to finalise plans/details for classroom and toilet upgrade work in our Junior and Senior blocks, so watch this space for updates on that work.