

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER



➔ Thanks for a Great 2018

2018 has been another great year for our school. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so positively to this throughout the year. We hope to see many of you at our End of Year Assembly on Friday 14th December, as we celebrate all that has been achieved.

➔ Hinuera Vision for Learning and Curriculum Review

As indicated in our last newsletter, we have been working as a Board to review our vision for learning at our school. This has been an exciting time for us as a Board. We have been excited to review the strong foundation we have as a school in foundation values and strong classroom programmes. But we have also been challenged by the potential we have, to set a more aspirational vision that aims for future focussed programmes for our students, working even smarter to prepare our children for the fast changing world we are a part of. As a Board we have completed readings about this and watched videos that have really made us think about the potential we have to Learn and Grow even more as a school learning community. School staff have created a new tab on the school website, where you can find links to some of the material that has been challenging us – check it out! Our current thinking about content for our new Vision Statement is including something about our strong values and roots, and launching from there into the future with creativity and increased choice in learning, meeting the needs of every learner. There will be a consultation process for this soon, with survey links being sent out to you all. If the school does not have your current email address, please send this to the office ASAP. Paper submissions will also be possible through the office if this is needed. Please engage with us in setting an exciting new vision for our school learning community.

➔ School Staff

After several years as our Reading Recovery Teacher, Mrs Margaret Orr is finishing her role at Hinuera at the end of this year. Many Hinuera students and families have benefited from Margaret's teaching skills. Margaret, thank you for all your passion for helping students improve their reading over the years. Our congratulations go to school Teacher Aide Synnove Germann, who has been accepted to train as a teacher from the start of 2019. Synnove, we have really appreciated your work in the school, and are delighted to see you being accepted for the teacher degree programme. With Synnove finishing at the end of 2018, we are pleased that Michelle Louw has agreed to stay on from her fixed term role and continue her work at Hinuera.

➔ Teacher Industrial Action

Thank you for your ongoing support with keeping students home during the second teacher strike. It was hugely appreciated. At this stage we are unsure what the outcome of the latest offer will be, but there shouldn't be any further disruptions this year.

➔ BOT Elections in 2019

Board elections happen every three years and there is an election coming up next year. If anyone is interested in the role of the Board, with our current re-visioning process, this is an exciting time to become involved. 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.

Many thanks for your support during 2018—Your Hinuera School BOT