

Board of Trustees Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 4! Hope this finds everyone relaxed and ready to go after the school holidays.

➔ MOE School Donations Program

The Education (School Donations) Amendment Bill was introduced by Government on 30 May 2019. The Bill amends the Education Act 1989.

From the 2020 school year, Decile 1-7 state and state-integrated schools (*which includes Hinuera School*) will be able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment if the board agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations.

Boards of Trustees that opt-in to the donations scheme will still be able to ask parents and guardians for payments related to optional activities outside the curriculum (e.g. overnight camps, after school and weekend sports teams etc).

This was discussed at the last board meeting and unanimously agreed that it was an excellent idea to opt in! This would mean that we will no longer be adding a suggested general donation to stationery lists or asking for these to be made.

There is more information online about it for parents and caregivers at <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/> if you wish to read more about it, and as always we are happy to hear from anyone if they wish to share their thoughts.

It should also be noted that you may still make a voluntary donation to your school at any time if you wish to do so – if you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

➔ Thanks to the PTA

The board would like to congratulate the PTA for all their fantastic efforts so far this year, from putting together the amazing ski raffle which raised over \$8000 (which will benefit all the students at our school), to helping come rain or shine, with baking stalls and BBQ's, keeping everyone well fueled at Interschool Cross Country and Ag Day. We really appreciate all the work you put in.

➔ Ag Day

A big thank you to everyone involved with making Ag Day happen, and to all those that turned up on the day and demonstrated great resilience by making the most of the wet weather conditions. The school has asked the organizing committee to try to ensure we have a postponement day allowed for future events to give us more flexibility although this can be difficult due to judges commitments at such a busy time of year.

➔ School Property Plan

The 5 Year Property Agreement signed off by the Ministry of Education earlier this year has allowed us to finalize our plans with the architects for classroom and toilet upgrades in both our Junior and Senior blocks. We are pleased to report that this project is now live for tender and we hope the work will be completed either towards the end of the year or early next year. There are plans in place to ensure minimum disruption to teaching during the renovations.

Many thanks for your continued support - Your Hinuera School BOT