

**KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Greetings All.

On the basis of the calendar we have started the second half of the year, and in terms of the school calendar we are galloping fast toward the end of the first half. As always time seems to fly by at an ever-increasing pace. I have no doubt that staff and students alike are both looking forward to the two week break following what has been an incredibly busy term. Board members also enjoy the break!

What a privilege it was to see the wonderful production of West Side Story. It was a wonderful showcase of talent at the school, in terms not only of the Drama Department, but also the Music Department, Art Department and no doubt others. The show itself was a visual and audio feast to savour. It was a great reminder of the diversity of skills we have within our students and staff. Congratulations to Nicki Fenton and all of those who were involved in making the show such a great success.

A report on the Parents' Survey will be available to all in the first part of next term. The report will be posted on the website and copies will be available at Reception for anyone who wants them. All the surveys have provided a useful wealth of information which the Board will be using in a meeting next term which will be focussing solely on the strategic direction for the High School for the next five years.

The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team has been monitoring the position with regard to the swine flu. We are all grateful that the High School has not had to face some of the challenges given to other schools around the country with outbreaks of the illness. Obviously people travelling during the holidays bring about renewed risk, and we simply ask that you be extra cautious about keeping students who show early signs of flu symptoms away from the School.

As we come to the halfway point the Board would like to acknowledge with thanks the efforts of all our staff for the first half of the year. The Board hopes that one and all enjoy a restful break and return with renewed energy and enthusiasm to tackle the second half of the year. Safe holidays to you all.

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The Board