

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Greetings All

What a whirlwind the first term appears to have been. A lot seems to have been crammed into a relatively short period, both curricular and extra-curricular.

Just in the last few days our sports teams have been busy with 85 students competing and distinguishing themselves in a variety of sports at the annual pre-Easter tournament at Western Heights in Rotorua. The sailing team was also in action over the weekend taking first and second place at the Harken Cup. Our Kapa Haka group is in action this week at the Tai Tokerau Festival being held at Kaitaia College.

In terms of Board business the Board is in the process of finalising the current Strategic and Annual plans. The Property Committee is waiting for the Ministry of Education to finalise what money will be available to the School for property development work and it is hoped that will be known soon. The Finance Committee continues to carefully eke out what discretionary funds there are. Many thanks to all parents who have paid the Contribution or are making regular payments towards them. We appreciate times are tough. If you haven't yet paid the Contribution please make an arrangement to do so to enable us to continue to provide as much as possible to the students in terms of curriculum and extra curricular opportunity throughout the year.

For Board members we are now nearing the end not just of the school term but also the term of office for this Board. Nominations for parent candidates for the Board elections, to be held 7 May, close on Friday 23 April, which is the end of the first week back at school. Nomination forms are being sent out to all parents or caregivers over the next week or so. If you are interested in being involved in the governance of the School and are able to commit some time to the position please think about putting yourself forward as a candidate. There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates one evening prior to the election and this has tentatively been set for Wednesday 28 April.

While some of the current parent trustees have indicated they intend standing again at the next election, continuity cannot be taken for granted, so there is also work to be done to ensure that the transition to a new Board is as smooth as possible. The Board will also be undergoing a self-review process at its final meeting at the start of next term and the results of that will be passed to the new Board with areas for further improvement highlighted.

At the time of writing this it is the PTA AGM tonight. The Board takes this opportunity of thanking Nigel Cane, Kartini Martin and Suzy Oliver and their committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months. The PTA does a fantastic job and it is much appreciated.

Thank you also to all our hardworking staff for your efforts in the first term. Next term has a decidedly academic flavour to it with mid year exams for the years 9 to 13 students on the horizon.

To one and all, safe and happy holidays.

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The Board