KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEWSLETTER

Greetings All

Hello from your new Board.

Following the recent elections the following parents were elected as Parent Trustees:

- **Lane Ayr** – Lane owns Kerikeri Canvas & Shades. He was a member of the previous Board and chaired the Board's Finance Committee.
- **Martin Baker** – Martin works with Transfield Services as a Construction Project Manager for water services around the North. He is new to the Board.
- **Wendy Butler** – Together with her husband, Wendy owns well-known local fishing charter business Earl Grey. Wendy returns to the Board for a fourth term and chaired the Property Committee for the last Board.
- **Nici Curtis** – Nici is a Clinical Psychologist practising in Kerikeri. She was also a member of the previous Board and was Deputy Chairperson.
- **Rick Palmer** – Rick is a partner in the law firm Palmer Macauley. He is also returning from the previous Board of which he was Chairperson.
- **Sue Richards** – Sue is a Certified Financial Planner working with Spicers Portfolio Management in Kerikeri. Sue is a new member of the Board.

In addition to the Parent elections a Staff election was held and **Sue Neave**, a teacher with the Maths Department, returns to the Board in the role of Staff Trustee.

George Otto remains as Student Trustee for the calendar year.

Elizabeth Forgie as Principal completes the Board.

At the new Board's first meeting it was agreed that it is sensible to continue with the practice commenced after the 2007 election of appointing a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for a period of three months while the new Board settles in after which those positions will be open for fresh nomination. Rick Palmer has been elected as Chair for that interim period and Nici Curtis elected as Deputy Chair.

The Board is supposed to represent the school population both in terms of gender and ethnicity. While there is a good gender balance on the new Board the ethnic balance is of concern. The Board has therefore asked **Hori Kaa** if he is prepared to be co-opted to the Board as a Board Member for the purpose of attending all Board meetings. Hori is well versed in Board matters having sat on previous Boards and brings an added cultural perspective that will ensure our bi-cultural community is well represented.

The new Board will, over the next few weeks, attend induction and Board training. There is a lot to learn for new members of the Board and indeed a lot still to learn for returning members!

Also at the first meeting the Board has agreed, in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team, Guidance staff and Deans to undertake a full review of the discipline process at the High School. One of the aims of this would be to ensure that the discipline process continues to be transparent and is clearly understood by students and parents alike.

Following its initial meeting the Board members joined the PTA meeting with the aim of introducing the new Board to the PTA. The Board was also able to hear the enlightening presentation given by Principal Elizabeth Forgie on the possible misleading nature of recent NCEA comparative tables published in the media. Unfortunately these tables approached a fairly complex area in an extremely over-simplified manner. It was heartening to see how well the High School is performing following an in-depth analysis of the statistics, including comparison with other schools nationally.

Your new Board looks forward to its term of office with enthusiasm and commitment. The primary aim of the Board is to continue to raise student achievement at Kerikeri High School and while this is difficult on a year by year basis the Board hopes to play its part in that process.

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The Board