

BOARD NEWSLETTER

Your new board is delighted to say hello and kia ora to all our families and whānau. Alphabetically we are:

Martin Baker; a professional Engineer working as a Construction Contracts Manager now in his third term on the Board and a member of the Property and Health and Safety committees.

Wendy Butler; she and her husband own a charter fishing business, she also runs a tourism booking service and is in her sixth term on the Board and also a member of the Property committee.

Elizabeth Forgie; the school's Principal.

Chris Galbraith; General Manager at Far North Holdings Limited and in his first term on the board (after 2 previous terms in the early 2000s). Chris is Deputy Chair and a member of the Finance committee.

Max Hart; our Student Representative for 2016.

Mario Hohaia; he is Executive Manager of Tapuaetahi Incorporation. Mario is in his second term on the Board after being co-opted on to continue his work on the Whānau Engagement committee.

Roger Ludbrook; a local farmer, and until April he was President of Northland Federated farmers. This is Roger's first term on the Board and he is a member of the Property committee.

Chris McLellan; an Inspector with the NZ Police and currently Professional Conduct Manager, Northland. This is Chris's first term on the Board.

Sue Richards; a Financial Adviser with Spicers, and in her third term on the Board. Sue is the Board Chair and a member of the Finance committee.

Kim Rogers; the Staff Trustee and a teacher at the High School. Kim works with Mario on the Whānau Engagement committee.

The Board is excited about working together with the Senior Leadership Team in our common goal to raise student achievement. Some of us were able to attend the Matariki celebrations recently where we saw 114 senior Maori students' successes at school acknowledged by their peers and whanau. The guest speaker was Marcus Akuhata-Brown and he enthralled the audience with his heartfelt and entertaining stories. His messages spoke to the heart of not just the award recipients, but also earlier in the day to some of our students who have had greater challenges. It is wonderful to be able to bring leaders like Marcus to our school; they are able to touch our lives and help inspire all students at every level.

With three new members on the Board, we feel reinvigorated and ready to bring fresh inspiration to the table. One of our big concerns is tackling some of the many issues that come with social media. We are not always able to stop everything there and so we rely heavily on family to censure and guide our students, but when it spills over into every day life at school we take a tough stand. Kerikeri High School will not allow violence or drugs in our school in any form and we encourage families and students to follow suit.

On a more positive note, there are many activities that students are able to join in at school and we encourage them to check the daily notices for these opportunities. Parents and family can also see what is going on with the High School "app" available to download on your phone – this will help keep you up with events at the school. We are continuing to keep at the forefront of technology as much as our finances will allow.

Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to each of us on the Board. We're looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your children over the next three years.

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.