

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2020

The Board of Trustees would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families and whānau. We have been working together since June 2019 when our three year term began. For those of you new to our school this year, alphabetically we are:

- Wendy Butler (Parent Trustee)
- Elizabeth Forgie (School Principal)
- Andrea Cotton (Student Representative)
- Mariaio Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
- Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
- Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Board Chair)
- Fintan McGlinchey (Parent Trustee)
- Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Board Chair)
- Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)

Our first Board meeting will be later this month, when we will be able to officially welcome our new Student Representative for 2020, Andrea Cotton. The student's voice and presence at the Board table is a welcome and constant reminder of why we are all there – for our children, as we work alongside the Senior Leadership Team and staff to ensure educational success for all.

The Board incorporates a number of sub-committees including our Property Committee who are responsible for major building works, the most recent of which was Te Puna Waiora – our hub for the pastoral care of all our students. Although we have no others on the horizon, it is important to ensure all our buildings are well looked after, so that we don't need to replace them any more often than is necessary. Just like any household running a budget on the smell of an oily rag.

Our Finance Committee are always working to ensure that the school operates within budget. Even with the additional income from our very successful International Department, we are still heavily constrained by the Government funding that is always stretched to the limit. This year we have opted into the new Government scheme which means that we will not seek the Parent Contribution from families.

Looking ahead outside of operational matters, this year will be no different to most others; a busy one for the Board, and for students and staff. It is no secret that we live in a beautiful part of New Zealand – at this time of year we have what can sometimes feel like half the country sharing it with us. We are very proud of our school, here in the heart of our community, and everyone in our school works hard to ensure that your children will be able to achieve success, in whatever shape that may be for them individually.

We look forward to meeting you during the year.

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.