

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2021

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)
- Maria Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
- Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
- Axel Mabidikama (Student Representative)
- Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Board Chair)
- Haylee Rhodes (Parent Trustee)
- Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Board Chair)
- Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)

Our first Board meeting is on 16th February, when we will be able to officially welcome our new Student Representative for 2021, Axel Mabidikama. 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 few 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. Last year's works included some unexpected repairs in the BES area, and no doubt you will have noticed the new asphalt, in particular the bus bay. 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. We are expecting this year to be particularly difficult financially with the impact of Covid19 on our International Department, and the school has had to make some hard decisions about class sizes. In 2020 we opted into the new Government scheme which means that we will not actively seek donations from families, although of course optional and voluntary additional school activities will still have a cost.

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.