



**Daily Notices**  
**Wednesday, 26 August 2026**

**Panui o te rā**  
**Rāapa, 26 Here-turi-kōkāi 2026**

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

### **Student Trustee Election 2026**

#### **Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees**

**Nominations for the election of one Student Trustee for the Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees will open on Tuesday 1 September 2026.**

**All Kerikeri High School students enrolled full time in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 as of Monday 7 September 2026 can stand in the Student Trustee Election. You can nominate yourself.**

**Information about the nomination and voting process will be in the Daily Notices on Tuesday 1 September 2026.**

**Please read the following information which explains the role of the Student Trustee.**

**The Student Trustee is a full member of the School Board and helps make decisions about the school's long-term direction, goals, policies, finances, and overall wellbeing. This governance role is different from the Student Council, which focuses on representing student views and organising or advocating for changes to school activities, events, and day-to-day student experiences. As a Student Trustee, you would contribute to high-level decision-making by bringing a student perspective to discussions about how the school is governed, rather than being involved in the operational running of the school or organising student initiatives.**

**The Student Trustee role is important because the Student Trustee brings a unique perspective that helps the Board understand how its decisions may impact students, ensuring that student experiences and views are considered alongside the needs of the wider school community.**

**If you would like to find out more about the role of Trustees, read the Community Member Guide attached to the Daily Notices.**

**Susan Manning**  
**Returning Officer**

## GENERAL

- This Friday 28th August is Daffodil Day. All of the money that we raise will go to the Cancer Society to support those living with cancer. Bring a gold coin and money for the bake sale. You can wear non-uniform - but only if you are wearing green, orange or yellow to show your support for this important cause.'
- MUNA Club (United for change) meeting at lunchtime Thursday MAT7.

## JUNIORS

- If you would like to take part in the Year 7 & 8 Spelling Bee, please meet Mrs Barrett-Jones in ENG2 at interval on Thursday.

- Year 8-10 SAVE is on today in DVC1 at 1.30pm. Anyone is welcome.

## SENIORS

- Gateway First Aid and Health and Safety Courses are being held at school on Monday, 28 and Tuesday 29 September. These courses are for current and past 2026 Gateway students and are no cost to students. Please call into Careers for more information and to collect permission forms.
- Learner Drivers Licence Course is being held here at school on Monday, 28 and Tuesday 29 September. Please call into Careers for more information and to collect permission forms.

## CULTURAL

- MAN MADE MADNESS TICKET ON SALE NOW!  
YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 DEVISING SHOW.  
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 7PM  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION NOW \$5 STUDENT \$10 ADULT.

## SPORTS

- Sign up is open for Equestrian combined training in Kaikohe (dressage and show jumping), see Sports office if you are interested.
- MTB NATIONALS TEAM - please call into BES9 to collect permission forms at Interval.
- All Netballers: Please return your Netball dresses to the Sports office or to the Student centre. If you are going to AIMS or UNISS please hold onto yours.

## CALENDAR

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | Far North Regional Science and Technology Fair<br>12OED Beach Day<br>NSSSA Badminton Teams Boys<br>Powhiri Practice - Nga Manu Korero Nationals<br>Drama Devising Showcase - Tech and Dress Rehearsal<br>Defensive Driving Course 4 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Far North Regional Science and Technology Fair<br>Year 7 Assembly<br>12OED Beach Day<br>Dance NZ Made Competition<br>NorthTec Architectural Technology Presentation<br>Drama Devising Showcase Performance                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Daffodil Day<br>Far North Regional Science and Technology Fair<br>Year 12 Assembly<br>Academic Plus - Equestrian, Sailing, Surfing<br>Year 7/8 Kapa Haka<br>Lunchtime Daffodil Day Bake Sale<br>Massey University Course Planning   |



# SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

## **Community Member Guide** to the role of school boards



Te Whakarōpūtanga  
Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa  
New Zealand School Boards Association

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## Did you know?

A school board is the governing body responsible for the overall direction, governance, and strategic leadership of a state, state-integrated school, or kura.

Every state and state-integrated school and kura in New Zealand has a board.

It is the legal entity of the school and remains constant, regardless of changes in its membership.

In New Zealand, school boards (which used to be called “boards of trustees”) were established through the Education Act 1989, placing local communities at the heart of decision-making.

## What do boards do?

Boards work in partnership with their school, community, and the government to ensure the best for all ākonga (students).

They are responsible for the overall performance and strategic direction of the school.

The Education and Training Act 2020 sets out the objectives for all school boards.

These focus on ensuring all ākonga can reach their highest possible level of educational achievement in a safe and inclusive place that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Boards are responsible for:

- Setting the school’s strategic direction in consultation with the community, parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- Developing policies, procedures, and bylaws to ensure the school meets its legal obligations
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance, and health and safety
- Being a good employer of all staff in the school
- Reporting on the school’s progress to the community and the Ministry.

Boards do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. That is the principal’s job.

## How do boards and principals work together?

Boards and principals work together but have different roles.

Boards govern their school or kura, and principals are responsible for the day-to-day management.

Governance and management work together in partnership.

The principal is both a member of the board and acts as the board’s educational leader and chief adviser.

## Who sits at the board table?

Boards are a mix of school-based members and members from the wider school community.

School-based members include the principal, a staff representative, and a student representative for schools with students above Year 9.

Community members are typically represented by 5 parent representatives. This number depends on the size and structure of the school or kura.

Boards of state-integrated schools, kura kaupapa Māori, and designated character schools can have different memberships. For example, state-integrated schools have members appointed by the school’s proprietor.

Boards may also co-opt additional people.

No matter how they join, everyone has ōritetanga (equal standing).

This means all board members have equal voice and say on the issues discussed, an equal vote, and equal accountability.

## Can the public attend board meetings?

Board meetings are open to the public, but they are not public meetings.

This means anyone can attend, but they cannot speak unless the board permits them to do so.

### School boards help shape futures

Giving every ākonga in our schools and kura the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

## What attributes can help a board member succeed?

Every board member brings their own unique experience and skills, but here are some things that will help any board member:

- Enthusiasm for student success
- Working well in a team
- Showing commitment and a willingness to learn
- Not being afraid to ask questions
- Good communication and people skills
- Honesty, integrity, and empathy.

## What support is there for board members?

Whether serving your first term or fifth, you can always learn something.

We're here to support all board members on their journey with a vast selection of learning opportunities, resources, advice and support.

To learn more, head to [tewhakaroputanga.org.nz](https://tewhakaroputanga.org.nz)

## What's the time commitment to be a board member?

The time commitment varies.

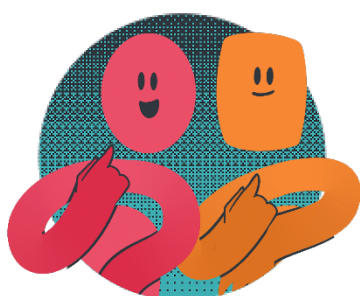
Most boards hold 2 to 3 meetings per term, each lasting about 2 to 2.5 hours.

Board members also spend time reviewing documents and preparing to attend a meeting.

## Are board members paid?

Yes, every board member gets paid to attend board meetings.

This payment (called an honorarium) helps ensure there are no financial barriers to attending meetings.



## Who can become a board member?

School staff, students (Year 9 and above), parents, caregivers, whānau, and people in the wider community.

Actually, anyone who meets the eligibility criteria can become a board member.

There are members from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Diversity and varying perspectives on a board give it strength and allow true community representation.

It doesn't matter what you do – it matters that you care about education in your community and making a difference.

## Why join a school board?

Being a school board member gives you the opportunity to make a positive impact.

It's a great way to contribute to your community, and it directly benefits ākonga.

Plus, you'll collaborate with new people, build relationships, and learn lots about governance.

## How can you become a board member?

Next time there's an election or a vacancy on the board, put your hand up!

Triennial elections are held every three years to elect parent and staff representatives; some boards also have a mid-term election 18 months later.

Student representatives are elected every year in September.

Occasionally, a by-election may be held to fill a vacant position, and some boards choose to co-opt extra members from time to time.

## Want to know more?

Contact your school or kura, or head to [schoolboardelections.org.nz](https://schoolboardelections.org.nz) to learn more about becoming a board member.

Don't wait – Get on Board!