

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, September 2019

The Board of Trustees is now firing on all cylinders following the recent elections. Our three year term began in July and we have been reviewing our policies and strategic plan in the lead up to a visit from ERO (the Education Review Office). It's been four years since their last visit and this is a good time for us to take stock of where we are as a school. This process of self-review is ongoing and part of the governance work we do behind the scenes which our community don't usually see.

While we actively encourage our community to talk to us individually or collectively, we ask you to remember that the Board are not responsible for the day to day running of the school. Our focus is on governance. After consultation with our community, most recently carried out in 2018, we guide and shape the vision of our school's direction. We continue to review our policies and procedures to ensure they are aligned with our strategic planning, and we are always looking for ways to improve. We are also responsible for ensuring the safety of students and staff, and overseeing the management of our people, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

Our Principal Mrs Forgie is also a member of the Board and (with the support of the Associate and Deputy Principals who comprise the Senior Leadership Team) oversees the implementation of the Board's policies and planning, and is responsible for managing the day to day running of the school. The teaching faculty and the year level Deans are your first point of contact.

Last year's NCEA results were included in the school newsletter and shared with families at Matariki celebrations in June. This is a busy time in the school calendar coming up to the end of term 3 with mock exams. We encourage families to help students to focus on their academic work. Students can take advantage of revision classes and all support offered by the teaching faculty. There is also much going in the sporting calendar, most recently with the AIMS games.

In term 4 it will be business as usual for the Board with no major works planned for the rest of this year. The Board wish our students, staff and families all the best for the holidays and look forward to meeting you all again when school reopens in mid-October.

- Wendy Butler (Parent Trustee)
- Leah Dawson (Student Representative)
- Elizabeth Forgie (School Principal)
- Maria Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
- Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
- Fintan McGlinchy (Parent Trustee)
- Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Board Chair)
- Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Board Chair)
- Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.