

**KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2023**

Term One - School Board Newsletter

With Term One now complete I thought it would be a good time to reflect on our progress as your board since the start of the year.

Just as a reminder that current members are as follows:

Chris McLellan (Chair)
Sarah Jackson (Deputy)
Waimarie Muunu (Ngāti Rēhia Trustee)
Claire Brooks
Marios Hohaia
Dean Smith
Fintan McGlinchey
Eileen Crawford (Staff Representative)
Charlie Klinac (Student Representative)

We started the year with a welcome from our local Hapu - Ngāti Rēhia, teachers, staff and students. It was an amazing experience and reinforced to all of us the special relationships already in place.

The new board has met several times already this year. I believe we are making good progress coming to terms with the scale and complexity of our large school which now has a School roll of 1561 students (as at the 1st March), 95 teachers and 48 student support workers, music tutors, administration and property staff. As you would expect we continue to focus on school governance, ensuring we maximise our finances, develop our property / buildings and most importantly create a positive and safe learning environment for all.

At the start of the term we welcomed Mike Clent as our new Principal. Mike brings to the role a significant amount of skills, knowledge and experience. Like Elizabeth he leads by example and is really visible around the school on a daily basis. Our school leadership structure has been enhanced with the appointment of a new Deputy Principal Renae Rakena who joins Daniel Wise, Hal Walker and Justine Strang, three new Assistant Principals Dana Boisen, Erica Collins and Rolf Weight and Kaumātua Taua Kemp. These positions reflect our natural growth and focus of being a positive learning environment.

We have also received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that our application to alter our Constitution and have a permanent seat on our board for a representative from Ngāti Rēhia has been endorsed. I would like to acknowledge everyone that has been part of this journey as this is a significant achievement.

While we all hoped that school disruptions were going to be less this year, we have been impacted by a significant weather event and more recently PPTA strike action. Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate these challenges. Be reassured that behind the scenes a large amount of planning and preparation is being done to minimise the impacts to our learning community.

Over the coming months we intend to look again at our strategic plan for the school and will be asking for your input and contribution. This is really important and allows us to represent your collective interests in the future direction of our school.

Upcoming Elected Parent Representative Vacancy

Very soon we will farewell Mariaio Hohaia who has been a dedicated board member since 2013. As a result of Mariaio's resignation a vacancy will occur on the board for an Elected Parent Representative. The board recommends filling the vacancy by selection but welcomes feedback on this matter.

If you wish to vote for a by-election for this vacancy, send an email or letter to me as follows:

*Presiding member: Chris McLellan
Kerikeri High School Board*

I would like to vote for a by-election for the elected parent representative please.

Via email address:

Board@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

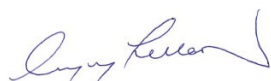
Or postal:

Kerikeri High School
PO Box 92, Kerikeri 024530

by: 5pm 10th May 2023

If at least 10% of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board to hold a by-election within 28 days of this notice's publication, then a by-election will be conducted to fill the vacancy.

Take care everyone.



Chris McLellan
Presiding Member