



Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 1 2017

We will achieve our personal best in a happy supportive environment.

Ka tutuki e tatou katoa I roto I te wairua.

Kia ora te whanau

This is our first newsletter for 2017. Greetings to all whanau families and a special welcome to new parents and caregivers at our school.

Each term we report to you on:

- Decisions made at our regular meetings (Weeks 3 and 8 of each term)
- What is happening at your school
- Current issues on which we seek your views

MEETING REPORTS

FEBRUARY MEETING:

DECISIONS

Joanna Spencer-Cox re-elected as Board Chairperson.
Secretary: Jackie Tahau, Treasurer: Wiki Mansell.

The 2017 school budget and goals and charter were tabled and passed. The school is in a very good position to deliver a high quality learning programme. The Board of Trustees wish to thank the Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust for their continued funding.

Wiki volunteered and was appointed as chair of the Te Roopu Manaaki Group. Wiki will support staff and parents to facilitate meetings, parent voice, and help with fundraising, building relationships with whanau and the community.

DISCUSSIONS

School Stationery

Once again, all students enrolled at the start of the year were provided with all required stationery to begin their schoolwork. This is a great cost saver to parents that the Board is happy to provide to ensure our students are well prepared to start the school year.

Security and vandalism

These are again of high concern. Nutech Security have put forward a proposal to help secure our school through further security measures. Extra security cameras are to be installed.

National Standards

The data was shared and results discussed. Results and both reading and maths were pleasing. An area of focus for Aorangi School is in written language and the achievement of boys in writing. The data will be used as a basis for teachers and the school to plan and inform teaching and learning at Aorangi School.

SCHOOL NEWS

Enrolments

There were 25 new enrolments at the start of Term 1 2017. welcome to our new families.

School App

The School now has a free app. This is up and running. This is a great tool for sending out reminders to both parents and students. The App can be downloaded on any smartphone.

Adult cooking classes

These were organised by and held at Kaitao Middle school. This was a wonderful way for the community to come together while developing cooking and food budgeting skills.

EOTC

All students attended an exhibition based on the inventions and work of Leonardo da Vinci. The exhibition was based at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre.

MEETING: Week 8 - 23.03.17

DECISIONS

Walkway security

Fencing along the walkway bordering the school will be secured for security. Rotorua Lakes Council will meet the initial costs. The board agreed to this as an initial solution to our request for the walkway to be closed.

Junior Playground

The Board agreed to commit funds to repainting of the Junior Playground.

DISCUSSIONS

Drinking Fountains

The Board discussed the issue of our current drinking fountains. Debra presented some options for new style fountains that also allow water bottles to be filled from these. We see this as a good opportunity to promote healthy habits as part of our involvement in the Health Promoting Schools Programme. As the cost is high per fountain we may apply for a grant from Southern Trust to help subsidise these.

SCHOOL NEWS

EOTC Trips

The year 5 and 6 students attended a week long camp at Willow Park in Auckland. This was held from 13th – 17th March .

The year 1 – 4 students travelled by bus to Taupo on the 14th March.

Athletics

School Athletics day was held on March 9th. A great morning of sports and fun. Thank you to the parents who came to support our tamariki. Thanks to Karen Anderson for her organisation prior to and on the day.

Te Roopu Manaaki

Two meetings were held for Te Roopu Manaaki. Thank you to Wiki for chairing these meetings. Wiki was impressed with the ideas and suggestions that were presented during the meeting.

Professional Development

All staff are now involved in professional development conducted by NPeW based on teachers working together to improve teaching practice.

IPads

A wonderful opportunity was available for more of our students and teachers to engage with IPads and e-Tools. This was provided to Room 5 and 6 this term. The teaching and learning was facilitated by Wendy Stafford from NPeW. The staff and students learnt valuable skills about apps for learning and rules around cyber safety.

Dental Care

The dental therapists were here during the term. They noticed a high number of students needing dental procedures caused by poor oral care. A timely reminder to help your child to practise good oral health care such as regular brushing.

The Arts

All students attended a musical performance with Rhythm Interactive held in the school hall. This gave the opportunity for all students to learn about rhythm and beat. The Board of Trustees met the cost of bringing this group to the school.

Board Subsidies

The Board is committed to supporting our school community to engage in all areas of the Curriculum. This term we have funded the following:

- School stationery - \$2,000
- Year 5 and 6 camp- \$5,000
- Year 1-4 Taupo trip- \$1,000
- Rhythm Interactive- \$1,000

- Total subsidies \$9,000

Nga mihi nui. Aorangi Board of Trustees.

