



Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 4 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 final 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

NOVEMBER: DECISIONS

School opening and closing dates 2018: These were tabled as follows:- Wednesday 31st January will be the first day of Term 1 2018. The final day of the school year will be Friday December 14.

Meeting dates for Board meetings were tabled and passed. Board meetings will continue to be held at 6pm on Thursday of Week 3 and 8 each term.

Student Stationery:

Once again, the Board of Trustees have agreed to supply stationery to all new enrolments. This enables our students to be ready to learn from day one.

DISCUSSIONS

Friends of The School- Te Roopu Manaaki

The group have met again. They were pleased with the support received from interested parents.

SCHOOL NEWS

Final Day 2017:

The last day of the school year is Friday 15th December at 2pm. There were some great ideas put forward for how to bring the school and community together. Some ideas were to have a teddy Bear picnic, board games day, water fun day, and a quiz.

Student Led Conferences:

Attendance was down slightly from previous conferences. The Board of Trustees and staff will be looking into ways to encourage more parents to attend these.

School Roll:

Enrolments are very pleasing and the numbers are higher than in recent years. This shows that more of our community are choosing Aorangi School as the place to educate their child.

Spelling Competition:

A group of students competed in a local spelling competition. The students received a \$250 spot prize.

DECEMBER MEETING**DECISIONS / DISCUSSIONS****Sliding Doors:**

After discussion it was decided that the doors of classrooms were badly in need of replacement. These doors are not sliding effectively and are becoming more and more difficult for students and adults to open and close. The doors will be replaced in mid January. This work will be undertaken by local firm Glenn's Glass.

SCHOOL NEWS**School Swimming:**

All students had the opportunity to participate in water safety and survival skills at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre. These were held early in Term 4.

School Sporting successes:

The Bay of Plenty Interschool Athletics champs were held Wednesday December 6. Congratulations to XRria Northcroft who came 5th place in 100 metres. Hare Brady- Anaru was 3rd place in High Jump. The Aorangi Flippaball team came 3rd in their competition and the Touch Rugby team gained 2nd place.

The Board congratulates everyone and are very proud of our successes this year. The Year 6 team won the Rotomaths competition and our EPRO8 technology team were runners-up.

Maori Festival

The annual Maori Festival was held on Tuesday 21 November. Our Tamariki represented Aorangi proudly with a performance of the new school waiata.

Ihenga Carving:

The unveiling and blessing of our taonga and carving, Ihenga, will be unveiled at school on Wednesday 13 December.

Year 6 Assembly

The members of the Board hope you can join us in celebrating the successes of our Year 6 students at the final assembly tomorrow.

THANK YOU

The Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the Principal, teachers and staff, parents and tamariki for the work done during Term 4. Please have a safe and enjoyable Christmas with the ones you love. We look forward to sharing news again in Term 1 of 2018.

Joanna Spencer-Cox, Wiki Mansell, ShannelWhare, Jackie Tahau, Shirley Head, Melissa Amai, Debra Harrod and Clayton Lund – your Aorangi School Board of Trustees.

