

Board Update – May 2018

Moa School Camp

Following the gastro bug outbreak at the Moa Camp held at Tea Pot Valley in Nelson, the Board asked Clint Brandon to undertake a review of the camp and how to incorporate any lessons learned into future camps. The Board received Clint's report which was developed following surveys and interviews with the parents and teachers on the camp, students and informal discussions with a number of parents. All parents were invited to provide feedback through Board Updates and at the "Thank You Evening". It also follows a meeting with the Wellington and Nelson/Marlborough District Health Boards.

A summary of the report has been posted to the school website for those interested.

The report identifies some areas that could be improved based on the experience. However it does note that, without exception, all respondents commented positively on the role of the adults in regards to the handling of the viral outbreak. The school community should be proud of the competence and capability of the Moa teachers and camp parents. They dealt well with making difficult decisions in an unusually stressful situation.

The Board received the report. It noted that for future camps in Teapot Valley, or in any other locations, the Board needs to be consulted and receive assurances that all health and safety measures have been put in place and formalised. This will bring clarification to what processes will be carried out during an emergency in order to reassure the parent community that their children will be safe and well looked after.

Building Project

Tender documents have now been sent out for the building contract. This follows the Ministry of Education increasing the budget for the project following the detailed design and Quantity Surveyors reports. This new budget covers a range of items including additional foundations work for the Kiwi Village and the general increase in the cost of construction in Wellington. The tender closes 18 June and the Ministry will then review the proposals. We expect that construction will begin towards the end of this year. While this is later than initially hoped, the complexity of the project and the site does mean that delays are inevitable.

We have had initial workshops on the landscape masterplan and will be refining this further. However, there has been encouraging feedback on the goal of bringing more green space into the school.

Fundraising

Thank you to those who attended and contributed to the Appetites evening. The \$3395 funds raised have already been used to purchase reading resources for the library and Tui and Kiwi Syndicates. The next event is Matariki Celebrations on Wednesday 4 July.

The Board also discussed the formation of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This has been an active discussion over the last 18 months. It was agreed that while there would be benefits of establishing a PTA, currently there does not appear to be sufficient support to establishing

one. Parents appear to prefer supporting individual fundraising events. Therefore, it was agreed to focus on events, with a particular focus on reestablishment of the quiz in Term 3.

Future Schools Conference

The Board funded Liz Rhodes' attendance at the Future Schools Conference in Melbourne in March. The Future Schools Conference and Expo brings together over 2,500 educators and world-leading education experts delivering thought-leadership and practical case-studies across the education sector. Liz had a particular focus on how we can use the rebuild as a catalyst for evolving and improving the way we deliver our programme to children.

We welcome your feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us by email or via the School Office.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for 7.00 pm Thursday 21 June in the Staff Room.

Board of Trustees: Dan Ormond (Chairperson), Liz Rhodes (Principal), Mary-Ann Butterfield, Debbie Chitty, Chandra Littlewood, Nick Simcock, Mark Vivian and Glen Burdon (Teacher Representative).