

## **Board Update - November**

### **Board Responsibilities**

At its September meeting the Board allocated portfolio responsibilities for the parent representatives, feel free to contact any board member, but if you have specific questions feel free to contact the portfolio holder:

- Chairperson - Dan Ormond until end of 2019, then Jessica Kellow from January 2020
- Finance - Kelvin Wong
- Property/Building - Mike Brown
- Fundraising - Debbie Chitty
- Communication - Kathleen Kerr
- HR - David Harkness

### **Property**

The building is progressing well. More work was done in the Moa block over the holidays and they are enjoying working in their new collaborative space. The Takahe works are on track to move into their revamped classrooms in week 8 of the term. A blessing for the space will be held before the move. Following this the Kiwis will move into the hall and Tui Iti/Room 19 (currently in room 13 in the Kiwi village) will move into the library.

The Harrison Street driveway works are flagged to begin on the 27th November and the builder's portacoms will be moved on the weekend of the 7th of December onto the double netball courts under the Kiwi block. The top court will be clear once more.

There will be some drainage and water works on the access way by the Reformed Church, potentially scheduled for January. This is yet to be confirmed as we will need to let our neighbours know.

### **Landscaping**

Work on the retaining walls has been completed and the play equipment and planting will happen soon. We have received a grant of compost for this area from the WCC as well as native plants which you will see being planted around the school and in this new area shortly. We held a successful quiz night on the 9th of November at the Brooklyn Bar and Bistro. All funds raised will go towards the landscaping project.

### **Donations**

The Government has clarified their policy on voluntary donations, and made their funding scheme only available to decile 1-7 schools. Therefore, as a decile 10 school we will need to continue to request a donation in order to provide the best possible equipment, staff and resources, as well as our librarians, as many of these are not funded by the Government. The board did not raise the donation last year, and so have decided to increase it 2% this year to keep up with inflation and increasing costs. This equates to around \$5 per child for the year. Last year we raised over \$75,000 from the donations.

### **Budget**

A draft budget has been set for next year, including the revised donation. The Board has set as a priority the funding of additional teacher aide time to ensure that the progress made in recent years through programmes such as Quick 60 can be maintained. This will largely be funded through the voluntary donation.

**Board of Trustees:** Dan Ormond, Jess Kellow (Chairpeople), Liz Rhodes (Principal), Kelvin Wong, Debbie Chitty, Kathleen Kerr, David Harkness, Mike Brown and Hilary Lintott (Teacher Representative).