

# **ST JOSEPH'S WAIROA BOARD NEWSLETTER**



**May 2017**

Tena Koutou, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Bonjour, Greetings!

This newsletter is the second of three that will be circulated throughout the school year. The purpose is to keep our school community up to date with school matters and activities.

## **New Board Parent Representative**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Shayne Pattison to the School Board of Trustees. After a selection method was approved by the community, Shayne offered to fill our Parent Representative vacancy and was selected at the Board meeting on 4 May 2017.

Shayne is married to Verity and have two daughters - Pearl who is currently in Room 4, and Indi.

Shayne has been through his induction, and attended his first meeting. Shayne's term will end in May 2019 when the next Trustee elections are held.

## **Education Review Office (ERO)**

At the end of Term 1 ERO came into our school for 2 days for our review. As you know our previous review was only in 2015 which required some improvements and re-evaluation in 2017. These past 2 years have seen many hours put in by both Staff and Board. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to announce that our School has now been put back onto a 3 yearly cycle review. This is excellent news which reflects what we already know about our School, that we are lifelong learners, learning to love and loving to learn.

## **Staffing changes**

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Whaea Sam into Room 1. Sam will be the teacher in Room 1 until the end of 2017. She brings a wealth of knowledge from previous experience in the Wairoa education section for many years, around New Zealand and also a stint overseas.

Whilst a welcome has already been done for her, the Board officially wishes to welcome Sam into our three-fold community.

On a sadder note, you would have received notice that Yvonne has now resigned as a teacher at St Josephs. Yvonne has been a teacher at the school for 20+ years and it is going to be very sad to see her leave. The Board and School wish to thank Yvonne for all the time and service she has given our school and the many tamariki she has taught. We wish Yvonne all the very best for her future endeavours and she will be deeply missed by staff, students, the Board and the entire school community. Please keep an eye out on notices in the coming weeks where we will be giving her an official farewell.

## **Gifted and Talented program**

We are once again please to offer extra learning for those who are showing an aptitude in focus areas. Last term saw Music and French as a focus, which Renee Morin tutored. Term 2 sees an opportunity for those showing a keen interest in Information Technology. Andrew Hume will be coming into the school for 2 hours per week to extend those who are keen to learn more about the ever-changing world of I.T.

## **Hautu/Maori Cultural Responsiveness Review**

Since 2016 the Board have been going through a process of self-review for Maori Cultural Responsiveness, as outlined in the New Zealand School Trustee Association's document Hautu. There are four key areas in the role of governance: leadership, representation, accountability and employer roles. This first stage was identifying what areas we do well, and those that need improving. This document will be reviewed annually to ensure that any objectives are being achieved. If you would like a copy of this document, please contact the Chairperson Alma Hume [alma.hume@live.com](mailto:alma.hume@live.com).



### **Crutching Fundraiser**

While this was some time ago, we would still like to acknowledge all the hard work put in by parents and whanau. A special thanks must be given to Whakamahi Station, and to Andrew Powdrell for once again organising an amazing event. If anyone has a fundraising idea they would like to put forward, please see Leonie or Alma and we can see how this can get started.

### **Board minute secretary**

A vacancy has arisen at the Board minute secretary. This requires approximately 6 hours of your time per month, you will be remunerated and will need your own computer and internet connection. The skillset required is an accurate method of recording minutes, and a proficiency in typing skills. We also require someone who exercises confidentiality. If you feel you have the right skills please contact the Chairperson Alma Hume [alma.hume@live.com](mailto:alma.hume@live.com) for a job description.

### **Thank you!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and parents for all that they do for St Joseph's School.

The connection between home and school is an important one to ensure that the students thrive and succeed to the best of their ability.

As a Board, we will continue to do justice to the role we have been elected/appointed to do and will continue to keep the rights and needs of the students at the forefront of our decision making and our focus on student achievement across/within all learning areas.

*God Bless – St Joseph's School Board of Trustees*

*Alma Hume, Kelli Wallace, Leonie McEwan, Father Arthur Toothill, Leslie Johansen, Michelle Hedley, Tracey Powdrell, Melissa Paul and Shayne Pattison.*