



BOARD BITES

Update from Whangarei Intermediate School Board of Trustees: June 2018 Newsletter

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 18 June 2018.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: As per the Principal's Report. 640 students. Enrolments to date: Y7: 366 and Y8: 27. Withdrawals to date: Y7: 18 and Y8: 16

Many thanks to the following leaders:

- GAFE Updates from Karen Hinge and Beth Lamb
- Wiremu Rankin comprehensive SENCo Report
- Rick Bazeley - RTLB involvement
- Paul Botica - Parent/Teacher/Student Interview attendance analysis and Property update and Assessment data analysis
- Kat Brown - PTA minutes
- Christine Heke - Behaviour and Attendance analysis
- Lisa Pitman - Financials and Personnel updates
- Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward - Aka Puawai Action Plan - Maori Development
- Curriculum Leaders: English - Debbie Hedley, Inquiry - Garry Posa, Health/PE - Aaron Baigent, Maths - Kim Tavinor, Eco Warriors - Tom Peyton

PB4L

The PB4L leadership team is working hard to produce our weekly lessons. These are taught every Monday 9am. The committee meets every fortnight to analyse our behaviour data and to plan our next focus.

Appraisals

All teachers have had their second appraisal observation/feedback session. Their foci:

- ✚ Utilisation and Integration of GAFE tools (does the planning align with the teaching)
- ✚ Evidence of Manaakitanga - can you see the teacher:
 - respects students culture
 - treats me and my peers fairly and with respect
 - pronounces Māori names well, if not perfectly
 - knows about the local tikanga
 - understands my sense of humour
 - uses te reo Māori in class and encourages us to speak Māori
- ✚ PB4L - learning behaviours: Manaaki i ahau, i a tatou, i a taiao Use of Te Reo Maori across the curriculum and school programme

Next focus will be their documentation appraisal.



Kahui Ako Tuarua (Col 2)

We held our second workshop with Springboard Trust. We have finally come up with the Vision for the Cluster: Collaborative Pathways Empowering Learners – Te Ara Takitini Hei Manaora mo te Akonga.

The agreed goals are:

- 1 Effective individualised transitions throughout the learner's journey
- 2 Build aligned learning pathways that strengthen bi-culturalism and the cultural identity of our learners.
- 3 To have a shared language for developing imposter learners (possibly linked to Te Whariki).
- 4 Active sharing and co-creation of resources, knowledge and innovation to strengthen our practice.

Taitokerau Education Trust:

The Trust has met twice since the last BOT hui. On the agenda are two important items that will affect our schools going forward.

1. A new centralised system for monitoring and tracking payments for all of the schools – Derek and Mike exploring this and
2. The Trust is contemplating a scholarship scheme for those families in our communities who are not able to afford any payments or contributions to the cost of a chromebook. As Principals we find this to be an extraordinary gesture and are totally excited at this new development.

General

- ✓ Thanks to those of you who have paid your child's Activity fee of \$60 per year and the School Donation of \$40 per year. At this stage both accounts are running at just over 50% of budget. To parents who have not paid and are experiencing difficulty, please contact the school office and a payment plan can be structured around your personal means.
- ✓ Pleasing to see that our online shopping facility is proving to be popular and as an added bonus is generating increased income for the school, albeit a small amount at this stage.
- ✓ Our school finances are in sound shape, with the 2017 year producing a small surplus and with us tracking well to budget so far in 2018
- ✓ Increases in building and general costs are pushing up the cost of classroom upgrades and renovation.
- ✓ Pleasing to see good progress continue with our Community of Learning Kahui Ako Tuarua.

Nga mihi, Derek Slatter for the BOT

BOARD Hui: Our next BOT hui on 6th August at 5:15pm in the staffroom

2018 BOT hui dates: 10 September, 29 October, 3 December