



BOARD BITES
Update from Whangarei Intermediate School Board of Trustees: May 2018 Newsletter

Kia ora koutou katoa, Bonjour, Talofa Lava, Greetings.

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 14 May 2018.

Newly elected Parent Representative – **Angela Taitoko** – was confirmed and welcomed to the Board's Trust meeting, and settled into the role immediately. It is already apparent that she will be an asset on the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: As per the Principal's Report.

- 643 students = Y7:367 and Y8:276
- **Many thanks** to the following leaders:
 - ✚ GAFE Updates from Karen Hinge and Beth Lamb
 - ✚ Wiremu Rankin comprehensive SENCo
 - ✚ Paul Botica – Writing and Assessment data analysis.
 - ✚ Kat Brown – PTA minutes
 - ✚ Christine Heke – Behaviour and Attendance analysis
 - ✚ Lisa Pitman – Financials and Personnel updates
 - ✚ Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward – TWoW Assessment data and Aka Puawai Report
 - ✚ Paul Botica and Wiremu Rankin for Accelerated Achievement Plan
- 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.
- Last term all teachers had their documentation appraised. Next focus will be their learning observations based around GAFE integration and foci on Tangata Whenuatanga. Paul (9-10:30) Wiremu (11-12.30) and Hayley (1.30-3) will be meeting with Wayne Facer on Tuesday 5 June regarding the progress of our professional and school goals.
- Kahui Ako Tuarua (CoL2) second hui held at WPS. The next hui will be focussed on developing our vision and shared values for the collective led by the Springboard Trust. Progress continues, with the Lead and member Principals working away at preparing the ground for the possible Achievement Challenges to be communicated and discussed in the coming months.
- Hoana Pearson continues to meet with our cluster helping principals to develop the nature of Maori education in schools enabling Maori to be successful as Maori. Our next hui Tuesday 22 May.
- HUB programme continues to add value to our most needy students. Currently in the programme are:
 - Of the **34** x 7 Boys attending the Hub; 44% are Maori.
 - Of the **32** x Y7 Girls attending the Hub; 50% are Maori.
 - Of the **66** x Y7 cohort; 48% are Girls and 52% are Boys.
 - Of the **17** x Y8 boys attending the Hub; 58% are Maori.

Of the **14** x Y8 girls attending the Hub, 42% are Maori.

Of the **31** x Y8 cohort; 45% are Girls and 55% are Boys.

• **English Medium Student Achievement:**

Writing Year 7s baseline data shows that both boys and girls on average indicated above the NZ normal group. The significant feature is the spread of our lowest quartile which is much lower and spread out over a significantly greater score compared to the NZ normed group. The boys nationally and at WIS are lower than the girls, however, the boys at WIS are much closer to the girls compared to the normed group. There is still a group of boys who seem to be achieving at a much lower level than their NZ counterparts. There are no specific areas of weakness or strengths for the Year 7 students in the individual areas of the writing.

Writing Year 8s baseline shows that all the groups are above the National Normed group with some significantly above. For both boys and girls 75% are at or above the median. The distribution is also quite closely spread compared to the NZ group. We do not seem to have the very low students in the cohort. The boys are quite close to the girls overall achievement with this group. The only subgroup with a longer tail is the Maori cohort and the lower quartile is higher than their equivalent group.

Te Whanau o Waimirangi baseline data -Te Ringakaha was unable to attend the meeting and is willing to attend the hui week 8 to give more explanation to the data. Comment was that the data was a great start and suggested that the best way to see value added is by comparing the data at the end of Year 8 rather at the midway point at end of Year 7.

BOARD REPORT: At our BOT hui on 14th May

Property - The Board agreed to proceed with an external painting quote for and approved the signing of the contract. The repaint will begin during the October holidays with a new colour scheme pending. Watch that space!

Financials Derek remarked that reports look good and tracking well to budget. He noted that the depreciation amount was short by 2 months – to be corrected. The 2017 Cyclical Maintenance Plan (version 2): New plan has been slimmed down to reflect essential painting and maintenance programme that exists in school. This is reflected in the cost of painting the exterior of the school which has come in lower than estimated. The BOT approved version 2.

GENERAL: The BOT are pleased with the writing assessment results in particular, as they demonstrate that the initiatives introduced are paying dividends.

2018 BOT hui dates: 8 June, 6 August, 10 September, 29 October, and 3 December

**Nga mihi,
Derek Slatter for the BOT**