



BOARD BITES

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

Kia ora Koufou katoa, Kiaorana, Talofa Lava, Greetings.

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 10 October 2018.

Student Roll: 635 students = Yr 7: 361, Yr 8: 274

International Students: 0

Enrolments to date: Yr 7-57, Yr 8 –41

Withdrawals to date: Yr 7-31, Yr 8 -27

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The BOT would like to thank the following staff members for their comprehensive reports and contributions:

- ✚ Wiremu Rankin comprehensive SENCo Report
- ✚ Paul Botica - Property update
- ✚ Christine Heke - Behaviour and Attendance analysis
- ✚ Lisa Pitman - Financials and Personnel updates
- ✚ Sam Robinson and Liz Seaton – PB4L Leadership
- ✚ Thanks to Debbie Headley for Review of the English Curriculum Programme 2018
- ✚ Tavis Hill for the Review of the PE and Health Curriculum Programme 2018
- ✚ Kim Tavinor for Review of the Maths Curriculum Programme 2018
- ✚ Gary Posa for Review of the Inquiry Learning Curriculum Programme 2018
- ✚ Paul Botica for ICAS coordination.
- ✚ Wiremu Rankin for coordinating and analysis of the Community and Student Survey 2018

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We had 45 adult surveys completed online and 5 hard copies completed.

We had 210 student surveys completed online. Between the two surveys there was a high correlation of results on the following topics: Quality teaching, Report system, Performances and there was a low correlation: eLearning, Bullying, Te Reo, Coding where the results differed significantly. 7/12 results are 80% or greater. The area of greatest worry from the student point of view is Bullying so we must look at ways of improving this aspect of school life. Interestingly enough, learning Te Reo Maori and an Asian language have generated the same stat. We thank everyone who participated in the survey. The results gathered gives us plenty of information to work with going forward. Mr Rankin, 27/09/18

2019 ENROLMENTS

This year onwards all our enrolments will be completed online. We have already had a great response with over 280 enrolments to date.

PB4L – On Monday 24 September we were taken through our annual School-Wide Evaluation Tool (SET) which involved the following process:

1. Principal interview
2. The Schools' Coach releasing teachers for brief interviews, showing around the School, and scoring the SET data at the end of the tour
3. Appraising permanent products ready (team action plan, behaviour management documents, behavioural incident data form, lesson plans, reward system docs. etc.)

4. The School Coach (or principal) scores the raw data at the end. We are yet to receive our feedback.

YEAR 9 RŪMAKI REO PROPOSAL

The application has been lodged with the MOE. The application has the effect of needing the Minister to agree to the school having a change of class to a composite (Year 7 – 9) school. This is quite a long and involved process and requires initially a memo to the Minister of Education requesting permission to "go out to consult", and, assuming permission is given, a further report at the end of that process providing the feedback etc that has been received. Should the decision be to approve the request there needs to be a gazette notice published at least 1 term prior to it taking effect. It is the local MOE intention to ensure that there is plenty of time for that to occur so the new class could take effect in 2020, assuming it received the Minister's approval.

COL 2/KAHUI AKO TUARUA

Martin Van Rijswijk has resigned from the Lead Principal role. The position will now be offered to High School Deputy Principals to apply for. In the meantime, our three achievement challenges are still to be approved by Head office in Wellington.

FINANCE

WIS is in a comfortable position with a current September working capital figure of \$255,459. The NZSTA advice is that we have between \$200-\$400 per student amount in reserves. We are certainly at the higher end of 'just in case' funding which means the BOT is certainly in a position to 'add' value to the school through developing some of our exciting projects: student café zone, redeveloping the front of the school project and building a high spec new kitchen in the hall. Watch this space.

PROPERTY

Finally, we have been granted permission to upgrade our 25 year old security system. This project will be completed over the Xmas break.

GENERAL:

It seems hard to believe that another school year is rapidly drawing to a close. Your school is in good heart, and while lots of challenges remain, the Board is pleased and encouraged by the initiatives that are being implemented at WIS. Some great results are coming through. The PB4L programme in particular is a great example. As a BOT, - we remain concerned by the negative potential of social media. Facebook and others have age limits for a reason. We ask that you think carefully about if or how our tamariki are exposed to this powerful force. It can be a force for good, but can also amplify negatives. If the values of their whanau, friends and themselves are strong, they can be insulated to a degree. Tihei Mauri Ora!

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

2018 BOT hui dates: 3 December