



# BOARD BITES

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

## Kia ora Koutou katoa, Kiaorana, Talofa Lava, Greetings.

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

Student Roll: 641 students = Yr 7: 365, Yr 8: 276

International Students: 0

Enrolments to date: Yr 7-55, Yr 8 -38

Withdrawals to date: Yr 7-25, Yr 8 -22

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

- ✚ Wiremu Rankin comprehensive SENCo Report
- ✚ Rick Bazeley for his RTLB Update
- ✚ Paul Botica - Property update
- ✚ Christine Heke - Behaviour and Attendance analysis
- ✚ Lisa Pitman - Financials and Personnel updates
- ✚ Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward - Proposed Year 9 Rūmaki Reo 2019 Information
- ✚ Garry Posa - OPC Hillary Outdoors report
- ✚ Tom Peyton - Eco Warriors latest project
- ✚ Garry Posa - Regional Science Fair Leadership
- ✚ Sam Robinson and Liz Seaton – PB4L Leadership

## WELCOME NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Whaea Rosita Herbert is relieving in Ruma 17 while Mr Posa is on family leave. Whaea Rosita will teach in the class for the remainder of the year. Nau mai, haere mai.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward and his Whānau for the loss of his Nan 'Mother' who passed away at age 94. She died peacefully with all her Whānau surrounded by her bedside, singing beautiful waiata.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Our community survey was circulated online and as a hard copy attached to our newsletter. The survey closes on Thursday 20 September. The same survey will be slightly altered but sent out to the students to gather their voice as well. Results will be shared with our last newsletter for this term.

## 2019 ENROLMENTS

This year onwards all our enrolments will be completed online. We have already had a great response with over 120 enrolments after only 2 weeks of going online live.

**PB4L** – The team has concentrated on being explicit with developing Major and Minor behaviours with an aim to give staff guidance on examples of responses and possible consequences of behaviours.

## ATTENDANCE

Wiremu Rankin (Yr 7 Dean) and Paul Botica (Yr 8 Dean) meet weekly with Whaea Christine to discuss actions around the following statistics:

Of the Yr 7 cohort, 51/365 or 7.5% of the Yr 7 group. In Yr 7 28/51 have had 40 or more half days absent or 54% of 7.5%. In Yr 7 17/51 have had 60 or more half days absent or 33% of the 7.5%.

Of the Yr 8 cohort, 18/276 or 6.5% are on the radar. In Yr 8 11/18 have had 40 or more half days absent or 61% of 6.5%. In Yr 8, 7/18 have had 60 or more half days absent or 39% of 6.5%.

## YEAR 9 RŪMAKI REO PROPOSAL

Te Ringakaha and I met with Anne Cooper and Karen Gilbert-Smith regarding the Year 9 Rūmaki Reo Proposal. It was a useful meeting with agreed actions going forward:

1. That there was a plan through to secondary school for each of these students, which was done in consultation with whichever secondary schools they go to.
2. Extend the invitation to the schools to attend one of our whanau hui including the SLT, HOD Maori and some of their corresponding whānau group in order to have the chance to talk to each other. The meeting could be held at either school venue. Anne to organise some dates from her end.
3. And that we meet at least once a term to stay connected and informed of each other's programmes

## COL 2/KAHUI AKO TUARUA

Martin Van Rijswijk has submitted the MoA and Achievement Challenges to the MOE for their approval. COL Group 3 have just had approval for their achievement challenges. It took approximately 3 – 4 weeks for them to get the approval, so hopefully we will hear back from the MOE within a similar timeframe. The HUB is planning an official launch on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm – 6.00pm. All teachers from the five COLs that make up the HUB will be invited to the launch.

## AIMS GAMES

We have approx. 90 students plus certain teachers heading off to Tauranga this very week. We wish them all the best. Many thanks to the BOT for allowing our students to have this incredible opportunity and many thanks to Wiremu Rankin for his coordination of the programme and event for WIS – his 8<sup>th</sup> tournie.

## FINANCE

The balance sheet ended 31 August records a working capital of \$260,964. This is boosted by around \$30k building retention funds receivable by the MOE. We went paperless with our financial accounting system on 1 July. Maylene is now uploading electronic copies of invoices or scanning hard copies (fill tapes etc) directly into Xero transaction records. This has already reduced huge volumes of paper and search functionality in Xero allows us easy access to historical invoices rather than searching through box files. Online shopping facility continues to be very popular with 376 accounts operating. 678 payments totalling \$57,038 have been processed. Total collection costs were \$1,147.

## PROPERTY

We are still waiting to hear back from the MOE regarding our proposed new hall kitchen/canteen. We are also waiting to hear about our security upgrade too. Both projects require a change to our 5YA which requires permission from Head Office in Auckland.

## GENERAL:

The BOT have reviewed the 6 monthly finance report, which covers our progress versus budget and last year. This is progressing well. In addition, we have painting projects and other property matters under discussion that will enhance our school. Planning is well underway for what looks to be a strong roll in 2019, and as usual - the team continue to strive to give the best possible learning opportunities for all of our students.

Please remember to have your say in our community consultation survey - this is an important indicator for the BOT in how we make decisions in the future.

**2018 BOT hui dates:**

29 October, and 3 December

**Nga mihi,**

**Derek Slatter for the BOT**