

Board of Trustees update: April 2016



Kia ora. Well it's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of Term one, amazing how time flies when you are having fun. I am sure the children of Wakari School are looking forward to a couple of refreshing weeks off before the launch into term 2.

At our last meeting The board of trustees discussed how important it is that we communicate with the school community to let everyone know what we are working on. We are pleased to provide the following snap shot of what we have been up to over the last few weeks.



Self-Review

During our April meeting, Mrs Maguire presented a report to the Board outlining the wonderful work that the staff at Wakari School do for our children with special education needs. It is fair to say that this is an area in which Wakari School has historically excelled and we continue to do well in.

At our April meeting the board of trustees adopted the following policies which were reviewed as part of our triennial self-review schedule.

- Community Consultation Policy
- Police Vetting Policy

We are in the process of reviewing the National Standards Data and reviewing the following curriculum area:

- Reading
- Writing
- Numeracy
- Technology

Reports for each of these areas were tabled at the April Board Meeting and these will be presented and discussed at our next meeting.

Remember – Board of Trustee Elections are coming up. This is your opportunity to nominate, vote or perhaps even stand as a parent or caregiver trustee, to represent the school in a governance roll for the next 3-year cycle.

Important dates:

Nominations: Noon Friday 6 May – Noon Friday 20 May

Votes: Voting papers sent by Wednesday 25 May – Polls close Noon Friday 3 June

Votes Counted: Thursday 9 June

For further details, please visit: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz>

Our People



It is with great sadness that the Board of Trustees has accepted Miss Benwell's resignation this month. Andrea has been a valued part of the Wakari community for ten years and will be missed by all. We wish her all the very best in her new position on Waiheke Island and look forward to regular updates.

We have been working on initiatives to improve our consultation with our Maori and Pacifica communities. Duncan Trickey from the board, Mr Smith and Mrs Bonney have formed a group including Rebecca Swindells to create a plan to better engage. We will be holding a Hui this coming Wednesday at 6pm in the Staffroom.

Property



We are current working on plans to upgrade the Awesome Kids Room to improve storage and to upgrade this very important area.

We have also applied for approval to upgrade the school security system. The old system has served us well over the years but unfortunately parts are no longer available.

We are preparing to lodge building consent for an upgrade to some of our fire doors. This is in an effort to improve visibility, avoiding mishaps around doors and to improve fire compliance.

We are also planning to hold a working bee on the second Sunday of next term.

If you could help it would be greatly appreciated. We have a mountain of firewood to split as a fundraiser so if you can spare us an hour or two or can lend us a log splitter it would be greatly appreciated.

Put a big circle around **Sunday May the 15th** on your calendar for the working bee **Starting at 10:00am**; so there's even time for a sleep in!