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## Board of Trustees update: April 2107

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Kia ora koutou katoa. It's hard to believe term one has come and gone already and the weather is already starting to cool down. It wasn't much of a summer, but I think it is fair to say that Autumn has brought some nice weather, even if punctuated by a bit of rain.

Our school roll continues to go from strength to strength with 320 eager learners now part of our community.

We are currently reviewing National Standards Data Reports for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. These reports were tabled at the April Board meeting and will be discussed in detail during May. In March we completed reviews on Special Education and the Science Curriculum.

I just wanted to make a comment on the continued support from Parents and Guardians with another magnificent turn out for Parent teacher Interviews. Traditionally this has been an opportunity that the Wakari community has strongly embraced and I am proud to say the term one 2017 was no exception with a staggering 95% participation. Well done.

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### Year 6 School Camp - Iona



I had the privilege of attending the Year 6 School Camp at Iona during the week of 13 February. It was a great week and the weather behaved itself for to most part, notwithstanding the hail on Monday. As a board member it makes me very proud to see in action the Wakari spirit. We had 21 Parents helping during the week and I must say many hands make light work and a great time was had by all. J.K. Taught us all some valuable cooking skills that will come in very useful. The kids were awesome and I think it is fair to say that each and every one of them managed to challenge themselves and make many wonderful memories that will last them a lifetime. Hats off to the new look Senior Syndicate team. With this being my 4<sup>th</sup> Wakari school Camp I know that Mrs Gribben left some big shoes to fill, but I can say with all honesty that Mrs Brown and the team were equal to the challenge.

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### Our People



The Board of trustees are pleased to welcome two new trustees.

Cameron Grindlay has joined the Board and brings a wealth of knowledge with his Architectural skills and will be a valuable member of the board and especially the Property committee. He has already provided some fabulous advice and is very focused on what we can do to improve and develop the school environment over the coming years.

We have also welcomed Michelle Cone to the Board. Michelle has an excellent legal knowledge and also some very practical experience working with charitable trusts and I am sure the school will benefit from her wisdom and advice.

Obviously they have been in their positions for a whole term now, (doesn't time fly) but we would like to welcomed Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Hartley to the Senior Syndicate, Mrs Ollerenshaw to the Middle Syndicate and more recently we also welcome Miss Ford who has been appointed in a Long Term Relieving position in the Junior Syndicate.

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### ERO Visit



We look forward with anticipation to a visit from our friends from the Education Review Office, who will be at Wakari School during the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. We are certain they will be impressed with our community and are sure to find a school full of great students and dedicated staff. Obviously this is an important snap shot of Wakari and in particular how we are realising our vision of creating Happy Confident Learners. We will be assisting the team in any way we can and look forward to receiving any feedback that will enable us to improve the way we educate our kids.

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