



Edendale
Primary School

7 July 2022 – End of Term 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini
Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many

Edendale Board of Trustees

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Kia ora Edendale community,

The significance of Matariki is not lost on many of us as we reach the midway point through the year, the downhill slide to warmer and longer days, and some hopeful welcome relief with the start of some normality in our home and school routines.

We, as a Board, wanted to say again a huge thanks to our community and staff as we reach this milestone for all the support you have provided your school and teachers over the second term.

2027 School Strategic Plan

The Board, and particularly Presiding Member Warner Cowin, has been busy over the last quarter with the school leadership team refining our strategic plan and establishing a 5-year 2027 vision for our school. A great aspect was the involvement of our amazing Year 6 House Captains as part of the process. What continually blows us away is their insightful and considered thinking, and we were hugely impressed by the clear messages of our school leaders. These are some of their words:

- Treat people the way you want to be treated,
- Being creative and original, not copying others,
- Include yourself as well as others and don't wait for them to ask
- We need to make the school more welcoming with more art and colour (more Flox Art!)
- Loving the pool and Garden to Table,
- Better changing rooms and toilets,

- More fruit trees
- More opportunities to be creative with art and music, and
- More spaces for sport.

Once we have completed the plan's final details, we will ensure that it is shared with the community in Term 3.



Warner [Presiding Member] facilitating the Board strategic plan hui

September Board Election

September also brings a new election cycle for the school board of trustees. We have all found it a huge privilege and a highly rewarding experience to help guide and directly influence our school and support our students and teachers. As such, anyone who is enthusiastic and prepared to take the time and commitment to serve our school community should consider putting themselves forward for Board election.

The Board requires a diverse cross-section of our community to provide a wide range of worldly experiences to help govern our school. Diverse thinking, experiences and backgrounds are essential in helping formulate and challenge how our school evolves, develops and sustains itself for the long term.

Your input and experiences are needed to:

- Define and develop the strategic plan of the school,
- Support the Principal and senior leadership team in delivering the strategic plan,
- Identify and manage the strategic risks of the school,
- Ensure prudent budgeting and management of the school finances,
- Plan and manage the capital investment of our school assets,
- Support the school's staff in developing policy and processes, and
- Provide immediate support and guidance to our school leadership team during uncertain times (COVID is the best current example).

Nomination details were emailed to the school community on 4 July. If you would like to stand as a candidate you can nominate yourself at www.myschoolelection.nz.

There will be more details on the nomination process to come next term. In the interim, please feel free to email Jonathan or any of the current Board members if you wish to discuss the opportunity and understand more about the commitment.

In closing

So, as we wrap up Term 2, there are a few special mentions to give.

Firstly, to our amazing PTA and their incredible mahi for organising an impressive four Colour Runs which raised over \$11,000! The Colour Runs were divided up to make for a COVID-safe event – times four - and our school community really showed its generosity – thank you all so much. And let's not forget the recent bake sale which sold out in record time and generated another \$500.

Secondly, we just wanted to let you know that we are working on a special, official opening event for our upgraded swimming pool and Garden to Table kitchen. More to come on that next term.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Zoe Gardiner and Sue Prebble, two of our long-serving office staff who will be leaving Edendale at the end of Term 2 following a collective 23 years' working for our school. Their departure follows a restructuring process for the office roles to better reflect the school's needs. This meant the current roles were disestablished, new roles were established and our office team members were given the first opportunity to apply. Zoe and Sue decided not to apply and we thank them for the years of dedicated service to the school and wish them both well for the future. Chriss Bus was successful in obtaining the Personal Assistant to the Principal and Senior Leadership Team role and Karen Brunton was successful in obtaining the Resource and Administration Services Co-ordinator role. Congratulations to you both. The school will be advertising the three remaining positions shortly.

We hope the coming break brings your whānau an opportunity to have some timeout, connect with loved ones and enjoy the qualities that Takurua/Winter offers.

As a community, you have been amazing, a huge thank you on behalf of your Board!

Ngā mihi nui

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