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School Board Meeting 4 - Newsletter 2022



Hello Muritai Families,

The Muritai School Board held its 4th regular Board Meeting last Wednesday evening. This was an in-person board meeting, which was great and enabled everyone to reconnect. Being face to face, we moved through a large agenda efficiently with good discussion.

Welcoming our Parents & Caregivers Community Onsite

The Board and staff were very pleased to see our Parent and Caregiver community back in the school and reconnecting with our Muritai Staff. This was highlighted with the Learning Conversations last week. The Board has heard very positive feedback about the Learning Conversations and how well it was organised. In particular, the large white board out the front of the classrooms with a map of classrooms with rooms, numbers and teacher's names was very helpful, as was the numbering on each class door. Well done to all involved.

Watch out for the school weekly newsletter to see the many opportunities for the community to engage with the school, including Assembly's and the upcoming Matariki celebrations.

Hall Refurbishment Project

The Hall refurbishment project is going well, with more specific details around Kitchen layout, ovens, fridge / freezer requirements and positions now being included. As previously mentioned, the Board will share the plans with you once we are closer to a more detailed draft.

Recruitment for our next Principal

Our process to recruit our next Principal for Muritai School is well under way. The Board has engaged with Staff and yourselves, our Parent community with our survey. The Board notes the high levels of engagement with lots of very useful positive feedback, so thank you for taking the time to fill in our survey.

Our teaching staff have also been engaging with our Muritai Learners in class to ask what they would like in their new Principal too, and we have been seeing some of the feedback coming through. There is some excellent feedback and ideas from our Learners, some very practical plus some which will make you smile, such as the multiple requests that they would like a taller Principal... apparently this is so the children can climb the trees higher (the rule in school is not to climb trees higher than the Principal).

We have begun collating all this information, which will help the Board form a set of criteria around what we are looking for, which we will carry through the selection process. We have also begun advertising for our next Principal in the key Education publications. The Board is confident we will find the "right" person to become our next Principal, so we will keep you up to date with our recruitment process in each Board newsletter.

The Board would like to reiterate our thanks to Maureen Buckley for agreeing to step up from Deputy Principal into the role of Acting Principal until the new Principal is found. Maureen has the Board's full support and the offer of help from Board members with various things means you may see Board members around the school even more than usual. If you see us around, please do say hi 😊

Warm wishes

Muritai School Board

Kaye, Maureen, Andrew, Jeremy, Kurt, Lisa and Felicity.