

Kia ora Muritai Families,

The Muritai School Board of Trustees held our August meeting last week and wish to update you on the outcomes.

Firstly we would like to once again thank our Muritai staff for their professionalism and quick work to move our school so seamlessly into Alert Level 2. As a Board we are confident that our school is doing all it can to keep our students and staff safe during this pandemic. We acknowledge that it is an unsettling time for some so please reach out if anyone needs any additional support.

School Charter Review

As many will know we are reviewing the school Charter and Strategic Plan. You will have hopefully responded to a survey of our parent and caregiver community and the results are now being collated.

At the Board meeting we also had the pleasure of welcoming our Student Leaders to present the student voice. Sadie, Macy, Devon and Ori had designed a survey of their own and interviewed many students across the senior school to better understand what our students thought would be the essential attributes required in the future. It was heartening to hear them outline that the most common attribute identified by our Muritai learners was kindness. As a Board we were delighted to hear this as it closely aligns with our school values.

We will continue to gather more information to help us to plan for the future of our school. Thanks also to those parents who took the time to respond to our survey.



2020 Activity fee and Donations

The school will soon be sending out statements and reminders for the 2020 Activity fee and donations, so it is timely to highlight the importance of these and what they are used for. While

the government pays for education, as a decile 10z school we receive the lowest funding per pupil in the country, which barely covers the basics. Without your contribution, we would not have the same ability to maintain existing class sizes and provide learning support, extension opportunities and enriching options such as creative arts. Importantly, your donation contributes to additional teaching staff, as well as a range of support staff such as our librarian and teacher aides and sports coordinator to benefit all children. It also contributes towards additional library books, reading resources, art and craft supplies and sports equipment.

It is our vision that all Muritai children reach their fullest potential. With your support, the Board aims to provide the best possible environment for all students to flourish and be successful in achieving their goals.

The board thanks you all for your continued support of Muritai school and we appreciate any contribution you can make.

Playground

Further to our update from our last meeting Bec has been continuing to work with the Playground design team and we are currently awaiting the final design to come through so we can sign it off and then confirm timelines. We will keep you posted on this. Exciting !

The Muritai School Board of Trustees

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