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School Board Meeting 1 newsletter 2022

Hello Muritai Families,

The Muritai School Board held its first Board Meeting of 2022 last week. There were several topics and discussions that are usually covered in this first meeting, but also a substantial number of urgent topics which were directly related to the current Covid situation. The meeting was also held online as we are currently in the red traffic light setting which meant we could not meet in person. Here are a few updates we have to share with you.

A warm welcome to 2022

The Board would like to welcome all the Students, Staff and Parent community to 2022. It has been great to see everyone at school (parents outside the gates), working and adapting to the current covid environment and settings. In this ever-changing environment we are endeavoring to keep you up to date with the most recent information we receive from the Ministry of Education around Covid requirements in the school newsletter and also via additional emails. Please be assured that we are following all Ministry of Education guidelines and that these sometimes change very quickly. Our top priority is to ensure the safety of our learners, staff and wider community.

We appreciate this is a different start to any previous year and thank everyone for the way the rules are being followed and we certainly look forward to getting back to a more “normal” learning environment once the current outbreak has passed and the Ministry of Health updates advice to move into lower Covid settings.

Student Achievement Data (2021)

The Board would like to acknowledge the hard work of our learners, teaching and support staff in our excellent achievement data for the end of year results for 2021. It is wonderful to see that even though the 2021 year was disrupted, with some time spent “home learning” that achievement across our three key areas of reading, writing and maths is still very strong at Muritai School.

Home Learning - Preparation for Parents

During our meeting we discussed what Muritai School can do to let parents prepare for the event that some students may be required to do hybrid learning and/or home learning, due to Covid restrictions.

The School Management has been working through detailed plans for different ways of working and will communicate this to parents as appropriate as Covid restrictions change. This will be done by Syndicate.

But for now, things to be thinking about are:

- A space at home for your child/children to work from (table or desk) with some pens, paper, ruler etc
- A device to work on (laptop or tablet etc)
- Internet connection and device connected to the internet.
- Early next week the links to your child’s syndicate’s various online learning and logins will be supplied to you via email from your child's teachers.

School Hall Project

The Board has received initial draft plans for updating our Muritai School Hall, including the kitchen area and hall toilet block. There are some excellent initial ideas/concepts, which the Board has provided feedback on. We will also engage with key stakeholders and users of the hall as we continue the process to ensure we can achieve the goals for the hall and stay within budget! As promised, we will continue to keep you up to date with progress.

Warm wishes

Muritai School Board

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

