

25 September 2020

Kia ora Muritai Families,

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

Once again we would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of our Muritai Staff in managing the alert level 2 Covid restrictions and moving us back into level 1 with ease. As a Board we have been very impressed by the resilience shown by all parties during this turbulent time, especially our learners.

### **Student Achievement**

We had the pleasure of having Jamie, Elspeth and Brenda come and present to the Board on the various interventions available to our learners and we were very impressed at the range of options available and the commitment and passion shown by our learning coaches, Elspeth and Brenda. Jamie also gave an overview of the overall achievement of all of our learning in reading, writing and maths and as a Board we were impressed by the results, especially considering the lockdown. Overall we are on target to reach our goals by the end of the year which is very reassuring.

### **Cohort Entry for new entrants.**

As you will be aware we recently conducted a consultation over cohort entry and we have had an overwhelmingly positive response from our school community including our local Early Childhood Educations providers. As such we will be moving to Cohort Entry as of Term 1 2021. Further information on this will be shared with you in due course.

### **Kereru Camp**

Last week our Kereru syndicate had their camp at Makahika. It was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They had a few unexpected situations with power cuts, trees falling down, thunder and lightning and torrential rain but it all just added to the fun of it !

We also received some amazing feedback from the instructors at Makahika who said our kids were respectful, listened well and were a real credit to the teachers and their families.

As a Board we would like to say a huge thanks for Felicity and her team for all the work that they put into an amazing camp. Also a big thanks to all the parents who came along and made it such a fun time for our kids. We were one of only a few schools who have managed to still go

on camp this year which is a real testament to our flexibility and resilience as a school community



## **2020 Activity fee and Donations**

Statements were sent home recently for our Activity Fee and Donations for 2020 and we would like to thank all the families who have contributed and for your ongoing support of Muritai School. It makes a huge difference to us as a school and is very much appreciated.

Finally, as we head into school holidays we wish you all a safe and happy break and we are already looking forward to an action packed term four.

The Muritai School Board of Trustees

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