

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES ROSENEATH SCHOOL

## Term 3 Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,

Following elections on March 31 we welcomed 3 new parent reps and a new staff member on to the Board of Trustees.

This year, with so many new trustees, the Board began with an induction day and have committed to undertake further New Zealand School Trustees Association and Ministry of Education training to ensure we have a clear understanding of the role we all have in the governance of this school, and how important it is in the decisions we make together as a Board. The Board is following a Professional Development Programme that the NZSTA has put together for us which includes online modules and participation in workshops and open courses. The most recent courses attended by some of the board were "Finance

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Function for Board of Trustees”, “Community Engagement”, “Student Achievement: The Board’s Main Focus’ and “Employer Role: The Board’s Responsibilities as an Employer”. All trustees recently attended a Treaty of Waitangi workshop together and found it a valuable experience to be able to gain a common understanding before we go into our charter review.

### Charter review

We are planning to review our School Charter later this term. The Board reviews the Strategic plan each year but this year we’d like to check-in with each of you to ensure that the Charter reflects the vision and values of our Community. The Charter is really important to us. It sets the direction for our School and contains the priorities that we ask the Principal to lead and our teachers to deliver. To put it differently, it is the document for the Board to be held to account by our community, and for the Board to hold to account the Principal.



There will be opportunities for you to be involved with the review; and we look forward to your ideas on how we can make our school even better (or in ERO-speak, continue on our improvement journey).

Bark chip working party in the July holidays.

### ERO (Education Review Office) visit

At the beginning of this term we were pleased to welcome Cynthia and Beverley from ERO to our school. ERO evaluates and reports on the quality of education and the effectiveness of schools in achieving outcomes for learners. The reports produced by ERO are a key source of information for parents and Boards of Trustees.

The review was a really positive experience for the Board. It provided an opportunity for us to reflect on our school vision and the progress that we have made toward achieving that vision since ERO's last visit in 2014. It also highlighted the importance of effective stewardship in ensuring that each of our students succeeds.

We would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work that Luana and the Roseneath Team put into the visit, and our students who as always were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

We expect ERO to publish its report in Term 4.

## Property

After a slightly messy start to the year it has been great to get back in to our modernised main school block and we thank the staff and students for their flexibility and understanding. The school hall looks fantastic and it is wonderful to now have a modern functioning kitchen that can be utilised as a learning space for the students and for our school events.

During the last school holidays the Supernova was installed in the Old Adventure playground and thanks must go out to the dedicated parents and caregivers who braved the elements to help shift a veritable mountain of safety mulch into the playground. The kids are loving the Supernova and it is in high demand every playtime – it is great to see the students self managing the use of the equipment which of course highlights the social benefits of play as well as the physical. Behind the scenes the Playground Sub-Committee is working on more ways to improve our play areas – an interesting and challenging proposition due to our school site and the strict Health and Safety framework we must work to.

## Roseneath After School Care (RASC)

The RASC committee comprising a parent, Pyar from RASC, our Principal and a Board Rep meet quarterly. The August report shows stable attendance enjoying the renovated hall and kitchen, and the new supernova.

Parents were required to re-register and re-enrol to continue using the programme. This has been useful to update details, and remind parents of booking commitments to help reduce admin hours. RASC aims to continue building positive relationships with families with a strong team of committed responsible staff.

## Friends of Roseneath School

We'd like to acknowledge the support the school receives from the 'Friends of Roseneath' Fundraising Team. We have a bunch of committed volunteers who pull together some great events creating a strong sense of school community, spirit and pride. These events wouldn't be successful without your attendance and support for which we are also really grateful. It's amazing how our kids get in behind each event with great passion. The recent Basic-Facts-a-thon was a testament to that with a whopping \$3,690.80 raised.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the quiz night next term. We all need to study up to beat those teachers who seem to win every year - guess that's a good sign though right?!

## Communications

Are you aware of all of the ways we communicate with you? As well as the weekly newsletter we regularly update the school website with important information. Take a tour around the website and you'll find all the school's policies and procedures, school and class newsletters, BoT minutes and much more. Next time you are at school come and look in the foyer as there is lots of great information and if you are new to the school there is heaps of reading material here too. We have also set up a school Facebook page where we can celebrate our successes and post some important reminders.

We'll be in touch!

[www.roseneath.school.nz](http://www.roseneath.school.nz)

Nga mihi nui,

Roseneath School Board of Trustees



Simon Rillstone and  
his whanau



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