

ROSENEATH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Term 4 Newsletter

Seasons greetings from the Board of Trustees. We thought that we would get just one last newsletter in for the year. And what a year it has been ...

Charter review

A big thank you to everyone for participating in the survey, working groups and attending the Charter Hui. We received some great feedback on both the process and the draft charter and are fortunate to have an engaged and supportive community.

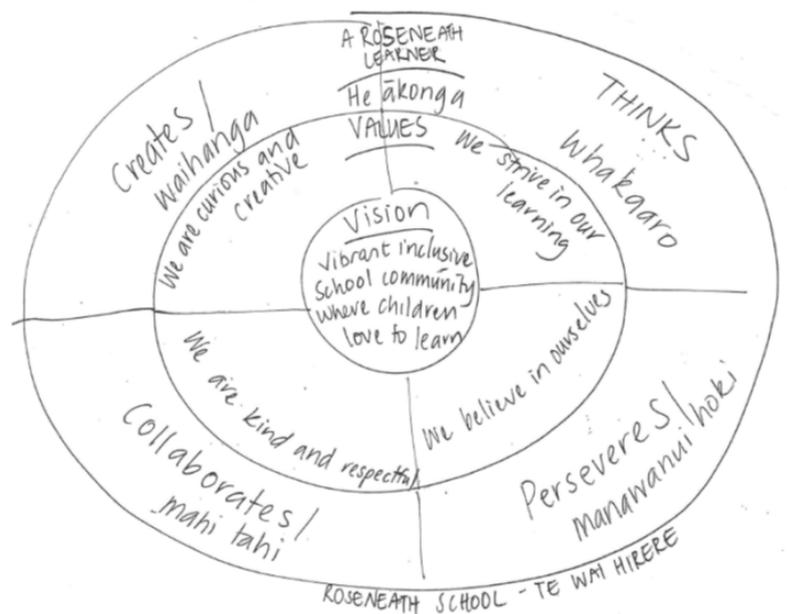
We have a final draft of the words (shown in Miss Carroll's best handwriting). We are now working with some a kind parent to finalise the visual design of the Charter.

The Board has also started work on the strategic goals that sit under the Charter. Three draft goals have been approved.

Roseneath School will:

1. *Enable all ākongā to know themselves as learners and empower them to be actively involved in their learning.*
2. *Promote a responsive and inclusive environment to support quality teaching and learning.*
3. *Empower ākongā, whanau, teachers and the wider community to participate in collaborative partnerships for learning.*

Next year is going to be an exciting year.



Student achievement

End of year student achievement data shows that we have maintained our excellent academic performance: 88% percent of our students are 'at or above' the national standards for reading; 82% are 'at or above' the national standards for reading; and 90% are 'at or above' the national standards for maths.

The extra effort in our target students has been successful in accelerating their progress. Credit to our students and teachers for the work that they have put in.

Following its review, the Education Review Office observed:

“Children achieve well at Roseneath School. National Standards information indicates overall improvement over the last three years. Māori children achieve as well as or, in some areas, better than non-Māori.”

And:

“The school demonstrates strong progress toward achieving equity in educational outcomes, supported by effective sustainable processes and practices”

Management changes 2018

The Board extends a warm welcome our new Deputy Principal Jenny Foote. Jenny will teach Year 6 in the Long Boat. She joins us from Kai Iwi School (Whanganui) where she has been Deputy Principal for nine years.

We also welcome back our Principal, Adelle Broadmore. Adelle has been involved in leading the planning with staff for 2018 and she has been in regularly this term for meetings. She is looking forward to working with students, staff and the school community in 2018.

We farewell Luana Carroll and wish her every success as she takes the next step in her career as Principal of Houghton Valley School. We have been fortunate to have her lead our school this year.

Finance

Understanding the School's finances has been big focus for the Board this year. We all attended NZSTA workshops on effective financial governance and have made some changes to how we allocate, monitor and review our finances to ensure that every dollar goes toward making a difference to our students and their learning.

Education Services Limited (ESL) now administers our accounts and, together with the Principal, is responsible for ensuring accurate and timely reporting to the Board of our financial position and cashflows. There has been no change to our banking details; and your payments and receipts are still managed by Joanne in the Office.

We are pleased to report that we end the year in a healthy financial situation, and will start 2018 on a strong footing.

Property works

Property has also received a lot of attention this year with the building work at the start of the year and the makeover of the Hall. Toward the end of the Hall project our builders found some rot in and around the window frames on the western wall of the hall. This is being repaired over the Christmas holidays by the D.S O'Leary team.

The Supernova in the Old Adventure Playground has proven to be a big hit with the kids, and with the new fence, the area is looking great.

The Board is working with Aspen Landscapes to complete this area early in the New Year; and to finalise plans for the area around the North Eastern bank.

Thanks

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

And so we thank our talented teaching staff, led by our fabulous Principal(s) over the year, for their dedication to our students. We also thank the Friends of Roseneath School for another very successful year of community events and fundraising.

And finally, we thank you for your continued support this year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that you have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Ngā mihi nui,

Roseneath School Board of Trustees