



Board Update



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May 2018

Tena koutou from the Bellevue School Board of Trustees

Term 2 is on the go and much is happening.

We issue these newsletters regularly throughout the school year to help keep you up to date with school news and the activities of the Board. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding what you would like to see in these newsletters as well as any positive feedback about the school and staff or any concerns, please feel free to contact us at boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz. We would love to hear from you!

ERO Visit

ERO have finalised their report and Bellevue has once again had a very good report. Thanks again to the leadership team, the staff, the board, the tamariki and community for all your contributions that make Bellevue such a great school. The report is being sent home today with the newsletter and will also be available from this link in the next month. www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/

NZEI Update

NZEI have organised a Union meeting for the teachers on 29 May, these meetings are usually spread over the year but due to some upcoming changes they have called this meeting sooner. Bellevue will remain open for the day.

Our school staff were really encouraged this week to hear the results of a new survey showing strong public support for more Government spending on public education. This includes more support for children with additional learning needs and a significant pay rise for teachers to address recruitment and retention issues. Educators have been saying for a long time, that to turn around the growing teacher shortage, we must make teaching a more appealing career choice. A big part of that is ensuring schools have the time and support to teach every child, regardless of their learning needs. Teaching also needs to be a financially viable career option.

The findings are a strong indicator of public opinion leading into the May Budget and the teacher and principal collective agreement negotiations in the coming months.

Like every school, we struggle to balance the budget to provide the resources to support every child's learning, and that should not be the case. Other key findings of the survey were:

- 83% believe that teachers need a pay rise and of those, 91% of respondents support at least a "moderate" pay increase - 67% want at least a 10% pay rise for teachers and 29% want more than 20%;
- Most (82%) agree that a pay rise will improve teacher numbers and address shortages;
- Widespread agreement that there is a shortage of teachers, both at Primary and Secondary schools (85%);
- Very strong agreement (91%) that more support is needed for students with additional learning needs.

FUNdraisers

You would have seen the adventure Sandpit at the back of the hall which is almost complete. Thank you to the FUNdraisers and all who supported this to make it happen.

Trees

Please take note that the trees on the bottom field, next to the fence by the new sub division, will be removed in the near future. The developer has kindly offered to remove these as they have become rather large and will need addressing in the future.

Next board meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on 2 August 2018, at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to join us. If you have any specific items for the agenda please email them to boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz for consideration.

Hei konā mai i roto i ngā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

Bellevue School Board of Trustees