



Board Update



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Tena koutou from the Bellevue School Board of Trustees

Term 1 has arrived and is well underway. I am sure we are all enjoying the hot summer weather.

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 or any other concerns, please feel free to contact us at boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz. We would love to hear from you!

Talking about Communication

Communication is very important in resolving any issues or concerns you may have and because of this Bellevue has an open door policy. Any issues and concerns you may have can be brought to the teachers, syndicate leaders, principal and board members. If we do not know about your issue or concern we cannot try to resolve this. On the same note if you have any positive feedback about staff, children or other school items/events please pass this on - who does not like to hear about the good things being done too?

Junior Playground

Wow what amazing support we have had from the FUNdraisers, staff, children, parents and community. So far together we have raised around \$95000 and have further \$5000 to go to reach our goal for the playground. We do realise the importance of having a playground for our tamariki to play on, explore and create exciting games. The board have agreed to loan some of the schools operational budget to the playground project so that we can get this installed as soon as possible, hopefully by start of term 2. The loan will be repaid as the FUNdraisers raise the difference from the various exciting events they run so please keep supporting anyway you can.

Thank you to everyone involved in getting us so close to our target in such a short timeframe. We could not have done it without you.

Triennial Trustee Election

This year is a Triennial Trustee Election year. Wow three years have flown past!

What does this mean?

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

Trustees are elected by the parent community and staff members every three years. This process has just started and we will be sending out information as we progress through this process.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board, so it is time to start thinking about standing for election as we will be looking for nominations soon. There are a few New Zealand School Trustees booklets about the role of the Board of Trustees available from the office. Contact us if you are interested in obtaining one of these.

Next board meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on 7 April 2016, at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to join us.

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

Bellevue School Board of Trustees