



31 July 2018

**BOARD NEWSLETTER TO ALL PARENT AND CAREGIVERS OF WHENUAPAI SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term three.

We are pleased to confirm that the Board is now at full strength following the conclusion of the by-election at the end of term two. We welcome our three new members to the Board, which now comprises five parent elected trustees, one staff elected trustee and the Principal.

The full board is:

Mike Leonard (Board Chair)

Paula Pusich (Parent Trustee)

Tineke Joustra (Parent Trustee)

Michael Farac (Parent Trustee)

James Hutchins (Parent Trustee)

Carla Veldman (Staff Trustee)

Raewyn Matthys-Morris (Principal)

I am delighted that the Board of Trustees has been strengthened and the reconstituted Board is now able to set out on a new path focused on the education and achievement of our students. Any outstanding matters prior to the election are being handled by our Limited Statutory Manager (LSM), Alan Curtis.

As it is important that we start off on the right footing, we will all work through a robust induction programme led by Alan Curtis to ensure that we all understand our roles and responsibilities, the trustee code of conduct and the NZSTA Policy Framework. We will then work through the current Charter and Strategic Plan and be taken through the Annual Plan by the Principal. We will update ourselves on our employer responsibilities including performance reviews and agreements and then develop a work plan for the balance of the Board's term through to the elections in May 2019. This work plan will set the agenda for each of the meetings over the next three school terms.

A schedule of board meetings will be developed as soon as possible, and the website will be updated.

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Thank you to everyone for your engagement in the election process and your continued support of our students and school. I trust that that this new election process will help everyone in our school and school community to move forward positively together.

We look forward to keeping you updated over the course of our term and would like to thank Alan Curtis for helping us recalibrate so that our focus can be firmly on our core business – equipping our wonderful students with a high-quality education and the tools they need to be inspired and empowered learners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Leonard', with a stylized, cursive script.

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