



29 May 2018

**NOTICE TO ALL PARENT AND CAREGIVERS OF WHENUAPAI SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the board considered a proposal to alter the constitution of the board by reducing the number of parent elected trustees to five (from the current seven) subject to notification to the parent community and after consideration of any submissions received. This was a recommendation made by the Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) and would bring Whenuapai into line with the majority of other schools throughout the country.

The board considers that simplification of the board structure will enable a more streamlined decision making process.

The board has also considered a proposal to change the election cycle for the board of trustees from the staggered 18-month cycle at present, to the standard triennial elections. Again this is in line with the majority of other schools.

This change will result in all current members of the board and those to be elected by 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 standing down for the country wide elections to be held in May 2019. They may at that time offer themselves for re-election.

Halving the number of election cycles in each term of the board will also contribute to more streamlined decision making and allow the board to focus on its core business of raising student achievement.

This notice to the community invites parents to make written submissions to the board via email to Whenuapai School BOT [wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz](mailto:wsbot@whenuapai.school.nz) by noon on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We recognise that this is a short timeframe but we are keen to make a decision so that there is a clear path for those currently standing for the board elections. The board will meet at 5.30pm on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June to consider any submissions and make its final decision. We will advise you on the outcome next week after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Leonard  
Chairman of Board of Trustees  
Whenuapai School