



WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and School Whānau

Update from the Board of Trustees

Thank you to everyone who completed the Waiuku Primary School Community Survey. We are still collating the results and will have a full report for you at the beginning of Term 3. From our preliminary glance of the raw data shown at last week's BOT's meeting, we were able to pick up a number of initial themes coming through, including that most parents either agree or strongly agree that their children are settled, happy to attend school and can talk with confidence about their learning. There was also a lot of positive feedback and support for the Waiuku Way and the teachers.

A couple of other key matters discussed at last week's Board meeting were:

- We approved the repairs to the cushion fall in the junior playground. These repairs need to be carried out to ensure the playground can remain open for our children. The repairs will cost approximately \$20,000. We had applied for a grant to pay for them, but unfortunately our application was declined. Therefore, the Board has decided to use the funds from the school's general operating account so that the repairs are completed as soon as possible. Expect the new cushion fall to be in place at the start of next term.
- At every meeting we review the school's finances. The finances are looking good and we are meeting our planned budget. Most of our revenue comes from the Ministry of Education and is based on the number of students we have and our decile rating. This revenue is allocated to items which are considered "must do" such as staff salaries, staff learning and development, teaching resources, property and grounds maintenance and general day to day administration expenses. There is not a lot of money left over and "breaking even" at the end of the year is certainly a great outcome for the school.

When talking with parents, it is apparent that the BOT's role is not that well understood. This fact has also been confirmed by the respondents who completed the Community Survey with only 35% indicating that they really knew who the BOTs are and what we do. To help increase an understanding of what the BOT does, we will be putting regular articles into the school newsletter. These articles will mainly tie in with the Board's meetings and like this one, will provide a brief overview of what is discussed at these meetings.

The next BOT's meeting is on 9 August at 7pm. The meeting is open for all parents to attend and you are more than welcome to come along for either all or part of the meeting to see what the BOT does.

Paul Gardiner, Treasurer

On behalf of the Waiuku Primary School Board of Trustees