



WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and School Whānau

Update from the Board of Trustees

First up, we are very pleased with the fantastic new cushion fall in the junior playground, which has already received positive feedback from both our youngest students and the school community.

Another exciting development coming up for the junior playground in Term 4 is new shade sails, funded by a grant from Grassroots Trust. The sails will shade most of the playground during Terms 1 and 4, providing relief from the heat and protection from the harsh sun when UV levels are highest and most damaging to young skin.

Sun protection for the senior playground is also on our agenda, and we will continue to look in to ways to create shade (and find funding) for such a high playground.

A couple of other items discussed in last week's meeting were:

- The National Standards mid-year progress report was presented by Mrs Holt and shows significant improvement in achievement throughout the school from mid-year 2016. Go Waiuku Primary!
- We were updated on the development of our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning, or COL), which will be a link between local schools with the ultimate aim of enhancing student achievement across all schools by sharing knowledge and best practice.

Each term two or three of the school's policies and procedures are reviewed by the Board, and are updated as required. Certain policies can also be reviewed by staff and the school community. This term the policies under review are;

- **Students with Special Needs** – Board, staff, and parents
- **Appointment Procedure** – Board
- **Child Protection** – Board and staff

If you would like to read any of the school policies or provide feedback on the current reviews please go to web.waiuku.school.nz, click on 'About our school' and go to the policies tab.

The next BOT meeting is on 13 September 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.

Belinda Silk, Parent Representative, Policies and Procedures Portfolio

On behalf of the Waiuku Primary School Board of Trustees