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Newsletter of the Tapanui School Board of Trustees

23rd August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Board of Trustees met last night for our first meeting of Term Three. We would like to bring the following to your attention:

Curriculum Report: Mathematics (Geometry and Measurement)

A very positive report on Mathematics was delivered to the Board. Geometry involves recognising and using the properties and symmetries of shapes and describing position and movement. Measurement involves quantifying the attributes of objects, using appropriate units and instruments. It also involves predicting and calculating rates of change.

Key Findings- Across the year groups 96% (Geometry) and 96% (Measurement) are working at or beyond the expected level.

It is pleasing to note that overall students are making positive progress in this area of the Maths curriculum as they move through the school.

Property

Every 5 years the school gets money that can solely be sent on property, 5 Year Property Agreement (5YA). Our 5YA rolled over in July and we got a wonderful surprise of our money almost doubling on a once off basis called Accelerated Modernisation Scheme (AMS). This extra money can only be spent "on projects to modernise teaching and learning environments". The Board have had such plans/ wishlist drawn up years ago which have been changed over time to something we think would be great for the students of Tapanui School.

The first of these Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) building projects for the Matai Hub is still in the Ministry's hands with no start date in sight.

We will very shortly be putting in a project plan for the Rimu Hub, now that we have this extra money and it will be great to see these structural changes help improve learning for our students.

Assurance and Self-Review / Consultation

The Assurance Committee have been working on reviewing several policies with staff, students and the community. Results will be available after our next Board Meeting.

Last term two surveys, one on Education Outside the Classroom and one on Bring Your Own Device were emailed to two random sets of 24 parents/caregivers for their input and feedback. This was designed to gather a snapshot of our community's view in these areas. Unfortunately we had a very

poor response. We are now sending these same surveys out to the whole school community including a third survey on Modern Learning Environments.

We strongly encourage you all to complete these surveys and have your voice heard so the Board can make some informed decisions going forward. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school office on 2048 614 and this can be sent home with your child.

General

Successful Three Way Interviews were held at the start of August with a 93% attendance.

Good luck to all the children in the upcoming school production "Porridge". It is a highlight in the school calendar every couple of years and a considerable amount of work goes on in the background by staff and parents preparing everything to be right on the night! Thank you to all involved and "break a leg" kids!

The Board will meet again at the end of Term Three on the 25th of September in the Blue Room at 5.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Here's hoping the weather remains settled for those of you in the depths of calving or heading into the lambing season.

Kind regards,
Zita Young
Board Chairperson