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### Newsletter of the Tapanui School Board of Trustees

6th July 2018

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term Two already and halfway through 2018! Your School Board met on Tuesday evening. This meeting is always a busy one as we review the Annual Plan and the 2018 Student Achievement Targets amongst several other items on the agenda. Below are the key items which were discussed.

#### **Student Achievement Targets - Mid Year Progress Report**

At the beginning of the school year achievement targets are set based on areas of particular concern. The following targets were included in the 2018 Charter:

- Oral Language

Achievement, engagement and motivation will be enhanced through increased oral language opportunities. Students across all year groups will find success in literacy through intensive focus on developing oral language skills. At least 90% of students will be working within or above the appropriate curriculum level across both literacy strands (receiving and transmitting) by the end of 2018.

Currently 72% of students are working within or beyond expected levels in relation to the NZ Curriculum levels and their time at school. There is a significant increase in those students still developing or working towards expected levels.

- Reading

To increase the engagement, enjoyment and motivation of all boys with reading. Using the Learning Progressions Framework we aim to lift progress from 65% at or above (using the Government's National Standards) to at least 85% within or beyond the appropriate Curriculum Level.

At this point in the year we appear to be well within range of this reading target. Boys are currently at 70% within or beyond expectation while girls are at 86%. Lifting boys achievement remains the focus for the second part of the year.

#### **Pomahaka Kāhui Ako - Community of Learning (CoL)**

The work of the Kāhui Ako Stewardship group has continued this term mostly focused around appointments of various staff to positions within the CoL. Lindy Cavanagh-Monagan (BMC) and Bronwyn McCall (Waikaka) have both been appointed to Support Principal roles. Jane Stuart has been appointed to the Across Community Lead Teacher position for two years starting from Term 3, equivalent to 2 days a week.

This is an exciting opportunity for Jane and the Board congratulates her and wishes her the best of luck. Penny O Meara will be covering Jane's release until the end of the year.

There were no applicants for the second Across School Lead position so this will be re-advertised with additional information during Term 3.

### **Property**

The Ten-Year Property Plan was due to be updated at the end of June prior to our new Five-Year Property Agreement. The Ten-Year Property Plan informs the Ministry of any property work that will require attention in our school during the next five years. It prioritises work that might close our school and any infrastructural work that needs attention. Due to a variety of circumstances outside of Tapanui School's control we do not expect to receive the completed report for about 6-8 weeks. Once we have the report we will see how much money of the new Five-Year Property Agreement needs to be tagged for capital works in relation to property and therefore how much we can direct back into Innovative Learning Environments or other school priorities.

Yet again I am disappointed to report the Innovative Learning Environments (ILE) Project for the Matai Hub project has not progressed at all since our last meeting. The contracted engineer has pulled out and another has visited the school in last fortnight. It is very frustrating for our Board how slow this whole process has been but it is totally beyond our control!

### **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.

Two surveys, one on Education Outside the Classroom and one on Bring Your Own Device were e-mailed 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. At the time of writing we have had a very poor response. We strongly encourage these families to have their voice heard so the Board can make some informed decisions going forward.

### **General**

On the 12th June all the children visited the Mataura marae along with several parents. By all accounts a fantastic time was had by the the children and they were a credit to Tapanui School.

Term three will see the children busy with the much anticipated School Production. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to try their hand at the various aspects of the arts and to push themselves outside their comfort zones.

We hope you have an enjoyable time with your children over the school holidays and that the weather is kind to us all. Your Board will meet again on August 23rd in the Blue Room at 5.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Kind regards,  
Zita Young  
Board Chairperson