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Newsletter of the Tapanui School Board of Trustees

May 31st 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Board of Trustees met last Thursday for the third meeting of 2019. Below are some of the key items which we discussed.

Curriculum Review - Health and Physical Education

In health and physical education, the focus is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society through learning in health-related and movement contexts. Four underlying and interdependent concepts are at the heart of this learning area:

- **Hauora** – a Maori philosophy of well-being that includes the dimensions taha wairua, taha hinengaro, taha tinana, and taha whanau, each one influencing and supporting the others.
- **Attitudes and values** – a positive, responsible attitude on the part of students to their own well-being; respect, care, and concern for other people and the environment; and a sense of social justice.
- The **socio-ecological perspective** – a way of viewing and understanding the interrelationships that exist between the individual, others, and society.
- **Health promotion** – a process that helps to develop and maintain supportive physical and emotional environments and that involves.

- **Health Results:**

90% (101/112) of students are working within expected levels for their time at school and a further 4% (4) are beyond the expected level bands.

- **PE Results:**

91% (102/112) of students are working within expected levels for their time at school and a further 3% (3) are beyond the expected level bands.

Summary

The wide range of activities available for our children during school time are varied and plentiful from the Sports Activator, swimming, golf and athletics etc to name a few.

On the whole our children remain generally healthy and physically fit. A large number are involved in a growing range of physical activities outside the school. The school is putting a lot more emphasis on growing the whole child through the key competencies and deliberately teaching aspects of resilience, self management, problem solving and communication.

ERO

The Education Review Office visited the school in March conducting an audit on the school. We received their final report and were very pleased with the outcome.

ERO established that Tapanui School is “well placed”. This means that “*established trends indicate outcomes across learning, engagement, wellbeing and other areas are moving strongly over time towards being*

equitable and excellent. Disparity of outcomes is identified, addressed and reduced. School conditions are well developed, but some opportunities remain for greater coherence to support ongoing improvement. "

A full copy of this report is available on their website or at the office.

Hui - Consultation with Whanau

The school has scheduled a Hui with Whānau on 11 June. This Hui will focus on the new initiative of kapahaka for all students across Yr 1-6 who want to participate. All parents are welcome.

Pomahaka Kāhui Ako

Antony has successfully been granted an extension of his contract as Lead Principal of the Kāhui Ako until Jan 2020. This ensures the succession of a new Lead Principal who can align their new role with the school calendar year.

Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your children for the 2nd Community of Learning Teacher Only Day. The focus this time was on Oral Language and the feedback from teachers across all the centres has been very positive.

Property

Work on our building upgrade to the Matai Block will start at the end of the term during the holidays. Indications are that work in Matai will take 15-16 weeks.

Board of Trustees Election

At our meeting we said a fond farewell to trustees Charmaine Blair, Will Byars, Cliff Brensell and Leeana McKenzie. Charmaine has served two terms (6 years) on the Board and her sound advice and dedication will be missed. Will and Cliff both served one term each and have added a huge amount of value during their time. It takes time and dedication to be on the Board and is a huge learning experience for all involved.

So, with that we welcome three new parent trustees, Tracy McHutchon, Theodorus Holtzhausen and Paul Roulston. Thank you for putting your hand up and becoming actively involved.

We also welcome back Penny O'Meara as the staff rep and thank outgoing trustee Leeana McKenzie for her time and effort on the Board.

General

The cross country last week was a great success and what a cracker day it was. It was great to see the kids give it a go, even if it isn't their cup of tea. Best of luck to those that continue onto Eastern and Southland events.

The next meeting of the Tapanui School Board of Trustees is to be held on Wednesday 31st July and as usual anyone is most welcome to attend.

Kind regards

Zita Young

Board Chairperson