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Newsletter of the Tapanui School Board of Trustees

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Board met at the end of last month for the first meeting of Term Two. Below are the key items which we discussed.

Property

The installation of the heat pumps was finally completed in the school holidays, just in time for the cold and frosty West Otago mornings.

Contractors are about half way through the large Ministry of Education funded project which involves creating a concrete path from the school to the swimming pool, improving concrete surfaces and installing automatic doors. We thank the staff and students for their patience with dealing with the noise and disruption.

At our meeting we agreed to move forward with the first stage of our Modern Learning Environment project. This will involve the addition of mobile storage units being installed in the spare classroom in the Matai Hub which is currently used as a resource room. This efficient storage system will be able to house all the resources for the entire school. Once this is completed we will be looking at what our next step will be on a constrained budget.

Assurance and Self-Review

The Board has a program of self-review, part of which is a process where we evaluate the effectiveness of current policies and procedures on a rotational basis. The Assurance Committee have recently reviewed several procedures under the Administration Policy. They have made changes where necessary to reflect changes in legislation or best-practice.

PTA Donation

A huge thanks to Kay and the other members of the PTA who recently made a \$10,000 donation from their various fundraising efforts. The donation is hugely appreciated by the Board as it enables us to enrich learning and contributes to several other areas within the school budget.

BOT Elections

A Board of Trustees Election will be held in November. Three parents will be at the end of their three year term and at this stage only one will be standing for re-election. The role as a BOT member is interesting, challenging and incredibly rewarding. If you have any interest in becoming a school trustee, feel free to talk to myself, Antony or any other current trustee. Our current parent representatives are Alena Stuart, Zita Young, Julia Body, Charmaine Blair, Will Byars and Cliff Brensell.

Next meeting

The Board will meet again on July 4th 2017 in the Blue Room at 5.30pm. Included in the agenda will be a review of both the 2017 Annual Plan and the Student Achievement targets. Results of the Student Voice survey will be discussed and a Curriculum Review of Literacy - Oral Language - will be tabled. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Well done to all those who competed in the West Otago Cross Country on Wednesday. It was another well organised event and is great to see our students having the opportunity to compete in a challenging environment. Best of luck to all those who qualified to compete at the Eastern Cross Country in a couple of weeks time.

Kind regards
Alena Stuart
Board Chairperson