



Board Talk

Term 4, 2019

Kia ora and welcome to the Term 4 update from the new Governors Bay School – Te Kura o Ōhinetahi Board of Trustees (BoT). This newsletter works in parallel with the published BoT agendas and minutes on the school website, to keep you up to date with what we are working on.

Term 4 Update

It has been a busy time as we race to the end of the year, however we have hit some exciting milestones along the way. It is fabulous to see the new building being occupied by some very busy Piwakawaka and Kereru students. There is still a lot to do before all the classrooms are settled into their new spaces, but this is a great first step.

You would have all seen the Update dated 25th November regarding teacher allocations for next year. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers supporting our children in Governors Bay. A large amount of planning and understanding of our children's needs goes into this from Judy and her team and the BoT is excited for the year to come.

The BoT are all settling into our new roles and ensuring we are well placed for 2020 to continue to strive towards the strategic vision currently in place. Along with ensuring our students needs are being met on both an academic and a social level, the BoT is also keen to strengthen the connection the school has with the environment and culture which surrounds us and plan to ensure this remains a strong focus in the coming year.

In order to work effectively, the BoT rely on your support and feedback. Throughout the year we may ask you for your feedback on our school policies and procedures (SchoolDocs), our curriculum direction and our communication strategies. Your voice is crucial in providing us with the information we need to make informed decisions for our school. We highly value and appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you in 2020 and beyond.

Buiding Update

As previously mentioned we are all very excited that the two classrooms are now filled with the sounds of busy students. As you can see there is still a lot of work to happen and the team continue to make great strides with the next phase of the refurbishment. The work will continue into the holidays and we look to you all as parents/caregivers and members of the community to ensure our school and those that wish to use the grounds during the holidays remain safe. We will ensure that all the required fencing is in place and we do hope you encourage anyone who is using the area to stay away from the main buildings and fencing. Work will continue in the New Year prior to the term commencing again.

The build is still on track and progressing to finish by the end of Term 2 next year. Please continue to support the teachers and children by ensuring safety notices and boundaries are being adhered

to.

In late January the school will be re-fenced commencing as a separate Ministry Project, which is exciting and something that has been on the schools agenda for a while now, so it is exciting that it is all coming together.

We are also excited to be eligible to receive a one-off capital contribution to spend upgrading our school property through the recently announced School Investment Package - we will be discussing at our next meeting how to best utilise this money as it has come at a perfect time for our school as we near completion of the building work.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a lovely break with friends and family and look forward to an exciting 2020.

Our Board agendas and minutes can be accessed on the website.

Kind regards,
Nga mihi nui,

Sally-Ann Fitzhardinge
Board Chairperson