

End of Year BOT News-



Christmas,



Kia ora tātou

As we near the end of the 2016 school year I'd like to say a big thank you to our new Board of Trustees members for your contributions so far: Hannah McCarthy, Andrew Tautari, Andrew Foote, Ann Cottle and back for a second term Darryl Goldsack.

It's been a huge year. Kicking off with an outstanding Report from the Education Review Office (ERO), a much awaited and appreciated new entrant classroom, many successful school events both academic and sporting, extraordinary experiences at camps, and a wonderful performance of 'The Litter Muncher' by our Junior School: it's no wonder our kids and their teachers are exhausted!

We are especially proud of the amazing results from our Accelerated Learning in Maths group (ALiM), our Accelerated Literacy Learning kids (ALL), and all our superstars in the Reading Recovery Programme.

We look forward to the work Whaia Mary is doing with our Tikanga and Te Reo programme to continue to enhance our bicultural practices next year.

This wee bit of the speech I made at the opening of our beautiful new classroom is fitting and relevant for every class in our school as we farewell 2016 and look forward to an even more successful 2017:

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini."

'Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.' This Māori proverb appropriately applies not only to the collective efforts of many in getting to this stage today, but to the collective effort of learning that will continue here forever.

'Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātou mahi.'

'Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.' "

Your Board of Trustees looks forward to getting to better know our school community, and to fulfil our obligations to ensure that every child in our school achieves to their best potential.

We'd like to thank all our amazing staff, our brilliant kids, and our committed and supportive whānau for your enthusiasm in making Buckland School such a warm and inclusive community to belong to. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

Merry Christmas - Meri Kirihimete!

Kindest regards - Ngā mihi nui

Liz Roozendaal

BoT Chair



Looking Ahead to 2017

We are looking forward to seeing a greater focus on the Junior and Senior syndicates with the Board endorsing both our Deputy Principal's being released from their classrooms for 3 days a week—Angela Lindgreen and Marlene Fletcher.

This will enable them to put greater emphasis on their Senior Management duties within their syndicates, and target some key areas such as transition (pre-school to primary, and intermediate to secondary).

We have employed additional staff to ensure these classrooms continue to provide our kids with the best possible learning environment.

At the December Board meeting your Board reluctantly agreed to review the level of school donations we request of our families in 2017.

Our donations have remained lower than any other local school at \$50 per child per year—for the last 10 years since our school uniforms were introduced in 2006!

2017 donations will be: \$75 – one child, \$150 – two children, \$180 – three or more children.

These funds enable us to support the many various extracurricular activities and ensure that throughout the year we are keeping requests for additional money to a minimum.

And don't forget that you can claim back a third of all donations from IRD as a tax rebate.

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☆☆ There is much to look ☆☆☆
☆☆ forward to next year and ☆☆☆
☆☆ we would like to take this ☆☆☆
☆☆ opportunity to let the ☆☆☆
☆☆ school community know ☆☆☆
☆☆ a few dates to make a ☆☆☆
☆☆ note of; ☆☆☆
☆☆ • 'Welcome back to ☆☆☆
☆☆ School' BOT BBQ & ☆☆☆
☆☆ Swim, Friday Feb 10th ☆☆☆
☆☆ • EOTC Week, Feb 20- ☆☆☆
☆☆ 24th ☆☆☆
☆☆ • 125th Anniversary of ☆☆☆
☆☆ Buckland School, ☆☆☆
☆☆ March 17th ☆☆☆
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Years 6-8 Families—*please remember to return your School Survey so we can hear your feedback and make these senior years at Buckland School the best they can be! Please return via post or to the office drawer. Thank you for your support!*