



BoT News

March 2015

Welcome to the first newsletter from your Board of Trustees (BoT).
What a fantastic start we have had to 2015!

This term has provided enormous learning opportunities for our students both inside and outside the classroom and the Board would like to take the time to reflect on some of the positive achievements over the term and to update you on our progress.

Firstly...who are your Board of Trustees and what do we do?

Your BoT is a group of people elected to ensure that our school is run in the best interests of the students and the community.

The Board includes five elected parent representatives, being Shane Harris (Chairperson), Darryl Goldsack, Liz Roozendaal, Matt Hull and Kelly Deihl. A staff representative, Angela Lindgreen and our Principal, Mavis Glasgow.

We meet monthly to discuss matters affecting our school and to take appropriate actions to ensure that the best learning environment for our students is achieved. All of our meetings are open if you wish to attend. We are also more than happy for you to approach us at any-time, regarding matters you would like to see addressed at these meetings.

We would like to say



.....to all of our parents

'At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents'. Jane D. Hull

EOTC week this year was a huge success and we owe much of this to our very supportive and involved parents, so we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for your help. We were thrilled to see so many enthusiastic parents on hand to do whatever was needed to make the week such a success.

..... to all staff

A huge thank you to Mavis and to all of our dedicated and passionate teachers and support staff. Without each of you our school would not be able to provide the fantastic learning environment that is Buckland!

..... to all who attended the BoT family BBQ and Swim evening

The Board wishes to extend a big "thank you" to the families who were able to attend our family barbeque and pool evening on Friday 20th February. We all enjoyed being able to cook up a storm and have some relaxed time meeting with our school families. It was also great to see our senior play area and pool being used and enjoyed.

As a way to keep connected to our families and community, we plan to host one or two of these evenings across the warmer months each year. You are all welcome and we hope to see the numbers continue to grow. Keep an eye on the weekly notices so you know when things are happening.

Property News



.....Classroom Update

As most of you are aware we are currently working with the Ministry of Education (MoE) on the addition of two new 'Modern Learning' classrooms. This style of classroom refers to more open plan co-joined classrooms with 2 or more teachers. They have a number of breakout spaces (smaller rooms) for focused smaller group learning and shared storage, materials and service areas. This means that remaining space is then capable of evolving and adapting as the students needs and/or teaching practices change over time. This style of classroom is to be adopted nationwide over the next few years.

New regulation has meant that planning has taken longer than first expected, but Darryl has worked very hard to ensure the best outcome for our school is achieved (thanks Darryl) and we are pleased to advise that we are close to being able to apply for consent. There may be minor disruption during the construction phase but procedures will be put in place to make things run as smoothly as possible.

.....Other News

The decking and clear roofing outside rooms 4&5 is about to be replaced.

We have made a number of IT purchases already this year and are currently in the process of upgrading old classroom computers and projectors.

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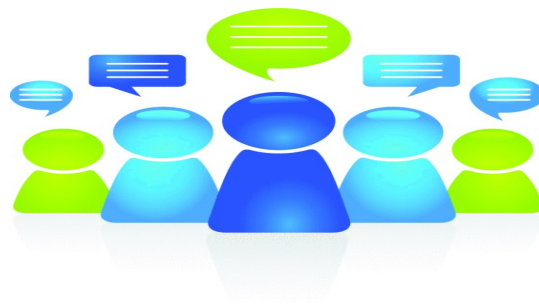
Community Engagement

We are elected to represent all parents, so what you all think about how well our school is doing is really important to us!

We're working on making communication with our school community 2-way, open and constructive.

We rolled out our fantastic website in 2014 to make information available to you 24/7 - if you haven't been there yet, check it out - www.buckland.school.nz. Mavis and her team are constantly updating (thanks Glenis) and improving it - the new 'Up-coming Events' post on the home page is perfect for busy families! We'd welcome any feedback on the layout or content.

We are about to initiate the first Community consultation since the new BoT was elected in 2013, so keep an eye out for more details in the newsletter/website in the upcoming weeks. This survey will invite you to share your thoughts on what you think we should keep doing, stop doing, and start doing. We'll also ask some specific things around hot topics... BYOD / Homework...! Please make the effort to submit your views - we'll keep it as short and sweet as we can!



Lastly...have a wonderful Easter and safe and happy holidays!

See you all next term.