# Term 1 BOT Buckland School Newsletter 2018

Tena KouTou Katoa

A warm welcome to the start of the 2018 school year. We do hope you have had a fun and restful holiday. A special welcome to our new families, and a warm welcome to our new staff. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The Buckland School Board of Trustees comprises five parents, one staff representative and the Principal. Elections for the board take place every three years. We're half way through our current Board term, next election is June 2019. The Board of Trustees meets in the school conference room, as near as possible to the second Wednesday of every month during term time. Board meetings are open for anyone to attend, but they are not public meetings. This means members of the public may attend, but do not have speaking or voting rights and will be asked to leave when the board goes into committee.

The responsibility of the Board is that of governance (control or authority) and an overview of management of the school. The Board is responsible for ensuring that legal obligations are met and that all resources (people, property or financial) are managed in compliance with relevant legislation and in the best interests of the school. The school's Charter and Annual Plan reflect specific needs and priorities. The Board sets strategic long term goals, develops and reviews policies. Daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal. The Board is not involved with the day to day management of school activities.

**Elected Parent Trustees:** Hannah McCarthy (Chairperson), Darryl Goldsack, Andrew Tautari, Liz Roozendaal, Andrew Foote, Principal: Mavis Glasgow, Staff Trustee: Lisa Robertson

**Staffing:** Fortunately we were able to achieve our aim of being fully staffed for the start of 2018 with high quality teachers. We work hard to provide an exceptional work environment for all members of our staff so they are well supported to focus on students in their care.

**Building Project:** We would like to thank you all for your patience with the current building work going on, on site. We are in the process of developing a new 'innovative learning space' classroom. This is a Ministry funded project and we are doing our best to ensure minimal disruption to the school. A new sign at the front of the school will soon be erected which will be further means of helping communicate any important messages.

**Our Community:** There are great opportunities for us to come together in the school year. Make the most of these opportunities to share ideas, learn and make friendships. We have many events, including parent curriculum information nights, fundraising activities, surveys, after school activities, camps and even helping out in the classrooms. As a Board we encourage everyone to make the most of these opportunities. Ultimately your involvement will give your children a richer experience at school.

**Dates for 2018**

Term 1 – 31 Jan – 13 April, Easter – 30 March – 3 April.

Term 2 – 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 – 23 July – 28 Sept

Term 4 – 15 October – 14 Dec

## Community Survey Summary

We had a fantastic 48% (89 /185) of families complete the survey at the end of Term 4 2017- **Thank You** all for your valuable contributions!

There were overwhelmingly positive responses in all areas. It was great to read such supportive comments about our staff. The BOT and management will review any area that received more than 10% disagree - although this represents less than 10 families these issues are also important to us.

We also received some great constructive ideas which are opportunities to enhance our school and our kids' experiences. Many of these have been acted on already, others will form part of our annual Strategic Plan.

Once we've fully analysed the data we will share the summarised results via email and on our website. Thanks for your patience with this!