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Board of Trustees Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

We are now half way through the year and another term is about to come to an end. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students busy in sporting events and showcasing their talent in the recent cultural concert. Our students are very lucky to have so many opportunities.

Our last BOT meeting was a very busy one, as there is a lot happening in and around school.

Communities of Learning

Judith Sommerville, one of our Across School Team Leaders, attended our meeting, to share with us the latest developments within the COL. Research is being undertaken currently to find out what is happening within our schools when it comes to supporting students through transitioning phases (Early Childhood to Primary, Primary to Intermediate and Intermediate to Secondary) which includes the transferal of student information. Assessment is also being looked into, to find out what different schools are doing. Following the research, COL leaders will look at identifying the strengths and weaknesses within our schools before planning their next steps. On 26 July a meeting will be held where all BOTs within our COL will come together, to hear the results of the research. Pyes Pa and Tauriko schools have now also joined our COL.

New Board Initiative

To bring alive the data that the board is presented with on a regular basis, we have decided to invite each syndicate in, to hear about what programmes and initiatives are being used to support our students to succeed. At our most recent meeting, we heard about what happens within the Taranaki Syndicate. The board found this process highly valuable, as we got to hear from the teachers about their daily highlights and their realities within the classroom. We had the opportunity to ask questions and gain a clear picture of where our Taranaki Syndicate learners are at academically. We look forward to hearing from the Ngauruhoe Syndicate teachers at our next meeting.

Board of Trustees Conference

During the holidays the whole Board will be going to the Annual BOT Conference in Dunedin. This will be a great opportunity to mix with other boards and extend our understanding of what our role involves. We will hear from a number of keynote speakers including Judge Andrew Becroft (Children's Commissioner), Judge Peter Boshier (Chief Ombudsman Accountability in the Education Sector) and David Rutherford (Chief Commissioner, Human Rights Commission). For those trustees who have been before, we have found the conference to be highly valuable and a great opportunity to discuss Greenpark and where we want to head moving forward.

Keeping our Environment Safe

You may have noticed over recent weeks that the playgrounds within the school are undergoing maintenance and repair. A garden has also been built between the Art and Tech Suite. The old Cedar tree which is growing near the entrance of Sinclair Street drop off will be taken down in the term three holidays, as it's negative impact on our neighbours grows.

Stay safe over the holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in and around school during Term 3.

Regards
Rachelle Stratton