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June 2017

Board of Trustees Newsletter



Governance Update From the BOT – JUNE 2017

The Board of Trustees have been working positively on a number of areas during term two. We have made real progress around property and have continued to work on school improvement.

Gym upgrade

The Gym upgrade. A project Manager has been appointed to complete the Gym upgrade which is scheduled to start at the end of term 3 and be completed by the start of term 1 2018 all going well.

Prefab Removal

The Ministry of Education has approved funding to remove old prefab buildings that are deteriorating on college grounds. This will mean a reallocation of teaching spaces in some blocks and we are in the process of investigating adding onto the Groundsman's shed to include the caretakers workshop. This work is planned for the Xmas holiday period.

New Technology Equipment

The College Technology department have recently purchased new equipment with the help of grants approved from the Lion Foundation and Pub Charities. This has enabled us to purchase a CNC router with appropriate software, a pan brake, a band saw, and a geared drill.

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International Student Programme

Overseas student visits. At the start of term 3 we will have several overseas student short term visitors from Korea, Japan and Taiwan. We are very appreciative of the support our community has given to provide hosts for these students. We are looking forward to the visits and hope they will have a great experience with us.

YES Programme

The Ministry have provided a significant injection of funds to support the offsite YES programme for 'in risk' students this year. We are grateful for the considerable support that has been provided.

Community of Learning

The Board of Trustees have applied to become part of the local schools 'Community of Learning'. This signals a very positive shift in our regional schools working together collaboratively for the betterment of all our local students.

Overseas Rugby Tour

Overseas Rugby Tour. The Board have approved all Health and Safety policy and procedures for the upcoming Rugby Tour of Australia in the July holidays. We wish the team well in their travels

Achievement & Attendance

The Board reviewed the latest updates of Student Achievement and Attendance and are very pleased with the positive student progress being made.

Seeking Parent Interest for joining the BOT

The Board intends to extend the number of governing members and are seeking any expressions of interest from community members. We would particularly welcome experience in property development. We would also welcome any expressions from pending Year 8 parents

Digital School Sign

The Board in conjunction with the Student Council are investigating the purchase of a digital school notice board at the front of the school to keep the community up to date with the latest College events.

Next BOT Meeting

Monday 31st July 7pm – College Staff room

Contact Details for the BOT

If you would like to contact the Board please email the BOT Secretary on <u>sgwynne@tearohacollege.school.nz</u> or you can contact the Chair, Mr Graham Hallett, on 07 8845714. We welcome your feedback. Graham Hallett

Chairperson

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