



# Richmond Road School

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To the Richmond Road School Community,

A warm welcome back to Term One at Richmond Road School in 2017! We trust that everybody had a great summer holiday filled with family time and that each of you were able to recharge.

Two weeks ago, the Board of Trustees had its first meeting of the year. We warmly welcomed David Pentecost to the Board as the new Staff Trustee. The agenda was full and we are back to business. We encourage you to introduce yourself to Board members if you see them in the community and we thank those members of the public that attended the meeting. The Board Minutes will be available through the office for those who wish to see them.

This year, one of the Boards highest priorities is to re-ignite, rebuild and re-unite our school spirit at all levels of our community. So, to this end, we are delighted to announce that the school picnic has been rescheduled. We know that families at Richmond Road School greatly enjoy this evening and we believe that as a great whole-school-event, it gives us all a chance to get to know others within our community. The date for this has been set for week 8, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 5:30pm. Let's hope the weather comes to the picnic this time!

We would like to thank all those families that have already paid their school donations and we understand that this is a significant contribution for some. The money from school donations goes towards the 'extras' at Richmond Road School like sports equipment, and renovating the senior playground. We appreciate that the beginning of the year can be a tricky time financially and encourage families to pay over four terms to make this more workable. This year, the Board intends to clearly outline to the community what this money will be spent on. We appreciate it is important that you know where these donations go.

After an enormous amount of work from our school community, school leadership and advisor, Mary Chamberlain our School Charter is nearly completed. The Charter will be finalised shortly and will then be presented to the Ministry of Education by end of March. The Charter symbolises the collective efforts, values and unity of our school going forward and is an important marker in the history of our school's evolution. The Board would like to thank all those involved in this long and special journey, for their valuable

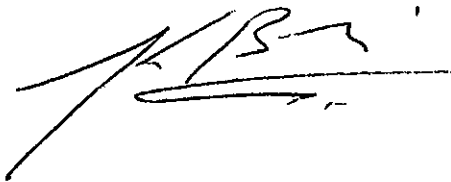
time and energy. Once completed, the Charter will be made easily available to our community.

As a Board, we would like to remind families that all school policies can be found online on the school website. These policies are what govern the running of our school and are reviewed from time to time by the Board. You can access these policies by going to [www.richmondroad.school.nz](http://www.richmondroad.school.nz) and entering the logon; [richmondroad] and password; [ritimana].

We would also like to make sure that you are aware of the school Complaints Policies and remind families that there are useful guidelines for resolving concerns and complaints. The Board is required to follow the complaint processes outlined in this policy when dealing with concerns from our school community. The Board trustees email addresses are available on the school website. Most importantly, we encourage community discussion with a view to finding ways forward... together.

We wish you a positive and constructive first term and look forward to seeing you at the school picnic.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kahungunu Barron-Afeaki S.C.', written over a horizontal line.

Kahungunu Barron-Afeaki S.C.  
Chairman of RRS Board