



Te Kura O Ritimana

Richmond Road School

Growing Together As One

A message from the Board

As we move into Term 2, in a slightly less restrictive environment, the Board is keen to provide an update on a number of key activities underway.

School Strategic Plan

As mentioned at the start of the year, a key focus for 2022 is the development of our school strategic plan. Good progress is being made on this plan – following an initial discussion with the senior management team, a fantastic session was held with teachers and staff on the last day of term (the Staff Only Day). We held this offsite at the B:HIVE in Smales Farm and explored RRS strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. One thing we discussed was that not only is our school unique in NZ but also in the world and we have a lot to be proud of. There are also opportunities for us to do things better or differently which is exciting and helps frame up our strategic goals.

The next step is to capture parent voice, student voice and community voice so everyone has the opportunity to engage and participate about the future of our school and tamariki. You would have received the school survey in the last two newsletters. This is one way to capture your feedback so we encourage you to have your say by completing the survey. We will also have other ways and channels to share your feedback with details to come this term.



Property Projects

There are a number of property projects underway which the Board discusses at every meeting. Unfortunately, there have been numerous delays and set-backs this year for various reasons, not least Covid, which is frustrating. However, things are slowly starting to gain momentum.

As of the start of Term 2:

- **Demolition work:** Our building demolition site is ready for water diversion; with the remaining spoil expected to be removed next week. The asphalt installation will occur after the Ministry of Education gives approval of the cost (this is being followed up). Site fencing will stay in place until work is complete. This area will eventually house new classrooms for the school which is exciting.
- **Fencing:** Quotes are being collected for permanent fencing along Douglas Road
- **Canopy:** PMG will start installing roof frames at the end of May; this work is expected to take 2 weeks. Team Turf are currently expecting the turf to arrive on site mid-June. Once a date is confirmed, parents will be informed through the school newsletter.

Board Elections

Board elections are scheduled to take place later this year. We want to ensure we have representation from across each rōpū and with Charmaine Newson stepping down from the Board in September, we are particularly keen to hear from interested parents in Te Whānau Whāriki. It would also be great to have property, finance and legal skills on the Board, so if you're interested in playing an active role in the governance of the school, please reach out to any of the existing Board members below. We can give you a view on what the role entails and the commitment involved.

Our next Board meeting is on June 22nd and is a meeting open to the public. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any feedback or questions.

Presiding Member: Carla Harris Blériot (L'Archipel)

Deputy Presiding Member: Charmaine Newson (Te Whānau Whāriki)

Alex Bonham (Kiwi Connection)

Elisa Fa'avagaga (Mua I Malae)

Kylie Bryant (Kiwi Connection)

Jacqui Tutavake (principal)

Troy Mills (staff representative)