



Board of Trustees Newsletter – Term 4, 2020

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

Strategic Planning Review – Vision, Mission, School Values and School Leaver Profile

Thank you to all our Parents, Students and Staff Members for participating in this recent important review. It was a fantastic opportunity to touch base with our entire school community and we are delighted we received feedback from almost every stake holder. There are a significant number of positives that have come out of our discussions, for example, it is clear the community are very happy with the direction the school is heading in, the changes made with our reporting processes, utilising the Facebook children's pages to communicate with parents on their child's work and how caring students can be to one another.

Your responses to the review have been collated, discussed and analysed. From here we are finalising a draft which we will share with a small cohort of our community before presenting to the school.

As you would expect with any review there are areas which can be improved or developed. These will be included in our 2021- 2023 Strategic Plan which will be released shortly.

Having a strong strategic vision and plan that will nurture and nourish is crucial. Developing a culture that is all encompassing, where we are all working together with a 'student centred' focus is paramount. We thank you all for your input into this Strategic Planning Review, we have listened to your feedback and look forward to bringing to you the next steps as we move forward together.

Property Update:

The Board is working on a Future Proof Property Plan that will provide the school with even more flexible learning spaces as we cater for the many diverse learning opportunities. The Board has consulted with staff and listened to feedback from our students and parents and will have more information on this next term. However, we are pleased to be able to advise you all of the following property work currently being undertaken:

Multipurpose Court: We are super excited to be able to advise our school community that work on the Multipurpose Court has commenced! The court is going to be such a wonderful asset for not only our school but for the local community as well.

Contractors have begun by laying a new concrete court base over the existing surface. The concrete will need to cure for approximately 3 weeks and then the multisport surface will be laid.

We wish to thank the following organisations for their support of this project, without such support the project would not be happening so quickly:

Mainland Foundation

Mainpower Community Fund

Harcourts Foundation

Foodstuffs Community Trust

Boiler Room: These school holidays, contractors continued with the removal of the boiler chimney and associated equipment. In conjunction with this the radiators have been removed in Piwakawaka and there was some asbestos removed from the boiler room. Once this work has been completed the boiler room will be lined and turned into a storage room.

Korimako Classroom: As the school moves forward with its Future Proof Property Plan one of the first classrooms to be further enhanced as a flexible learning space is Korimako. The Board approved at its last Board Meeting on 23 September to install a glass sliding door at the Senior Yr7/8 end and to also investigate extending the Yr 5/6 break out space. Initial EQC repairs need to be completed before this work begins.

Mid Term Election for parent trustee representatives n the Board of Trustees.

This mid-term election there are two positions available. If you are interested in joining the Hanmer Springs Board of Trustees please contact our Returning Officer, Barbara Duncan at admin@hanmersprings.school.nz or 03-315 7208 for a nomination form, or for more information.

Key dates:

- Call for nominations by 11/10
- Nominations close 1/11
- Voting papers issued by 6/11 (if necessary)
- Election day 4/12
- New board takes office 11/12 (happens to be the last day of school this year)

What is a school Board of Trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a Board of Trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above Year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Please contact the school if you wish for more information on the composition of our school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

School Accounts

School accounts have been sent electronically for the first time this term. We greatly appreciate all the families whose school accounts have already been paid. If you have any questions about your statement please contact Barbara in the office on 03-315 7208. Payment is due by **12th October** please.

Remember a portion of the **school donation** can be claimed back in your annual tax return. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

With the final term of the year upon us please refer to the school calendar to ensure you don't miss any events as it will be a busy one. **Keep your focus, keep striving to do your best and keep having fun! Go Term 4!**

Hanmer Springs Board Fundraising Committee

The Committee has made the decision to defer holding a Trail Ride Fundraiser in 2020 due to the unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19. We will however be working on bringing this event to you in 2021 and look forward to providing our school community with more information in due course.

NZ Rogaine Champs, 7-8 November, Hanmer Springs. Volunteers needed to assist with this event which will raise much needed funds for the school. Please contact Harley on Harley.manion@hanmersprings.school.nz if you can assist. **THANK YOU!**