



Wednesday 18th November 2020

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan

The final stages of the 2021 – 2023 Strategic Planning Review are about to be undertaken and on behalf of the Board of Trustees I am proud of the shape and direction that is covered under this new strategic plan. Your feedback has been listened to and is what has contributed to this review and the outcomes and trends the school will be focusing on over the next three years. Your comments, honesty and insightfulness have been crucial in the Board's ability to review this policy. Always at the forefront of any decisions made are our students; ensuring the school has a 'student centred' focus while having a strong strategic vision and plan that will nurture and nourish along with a culture that sees all the school's stakeholders working together so every child can achieve to the best of their ability while having pride in who and what they are.

Before the new Strategic Plan is officially released a sample group of staff, students and parents will be asked to view the document to ensure it is meaningful and understandable which will create buy-in from all stakeholders. The plan includes a new school motto and vision and the Board has focused on three key areas: Purpose, People and Place, under which the focus is on trends that were highlighted from your feedback.

Future Proofing Property Plan

The Board has been working in the background on creating a Future Proofed Property Plan that ensures the school has flexible learning spaces and addresses the most important and pressing issues relating to property now. This will see work being undertaken in the following areas as soon as plans and quotes have been received, it is envisaged that the majority of this work will be undertaken during the summer school holidays:

1. Korimako – Sliding Door in the Year 7/8 area, any EQC groundwork that is required.
2. Piwakawaka – Refurbishment of the classroom, including double glazing, new flooring, painting, a flexible learning space created in the alcove area and a sink and clean-up area.
3. Multipurpose Court – The new base work has been completed and the turf will be laid within the next couple of weeks, followed by the installation of the basketball and netball posts. Turf is also to be laid on the old cricket pad and the cricket cages will be reinstated. An official opening will be held once the area is completed.
4. Boiler Room – The boiler and all associated materials have now been removed from the boiler room along with all the old radiators in Piwakawaka. The Boiler Room will be lined and shelving installed creating a versatile storage space.

While it can sometimes be difficult to see what the Board of Trustees has been up to, we have been very busy in the background reviewing, planning and looking forward to what Hanmer Springs School should look like and its future direction. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved this year under somewhat challenging and unusual circumstances. At the heart of all decision making is your child, their wellbeing, safety, happiness, progress and achievement.

Warm regards,

Tiff Wafer
Board Chair