



# BOARD HAPPENINGS 2017



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## *The Dunsandel School Board Newsletter*

### ISSUE EIGHT

The Board of Trustees held its eighth meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with the following being the key points from the discussions:

#### **Section 1: School Charter**

***Strategic Aim 1: Our children are successfully able to access the New Zealand Curriculum, as evidenced by progress and achievement in relation to National Standards and other assessment processes.***

- The Principal presented a draft of the school's 2017 National Standards Commentary Report for discussion. The report summarises the schools achievements in the areas of reading, writing and maths, identifying area of strength, areas of weakness and planned actions for lifting achievement. The report will be made public following approval of the document from the Ministry of Education.
- The Principal also presented the final report on Student Achievement Targets for the year. This report presents progress against a number of annual targets set out in the 2017 Annual Plan. Below is a summary of the results for the year:
  - **Annual Target:** *All children (10) who were judged to be below or well below the National Standard in writing at the end of Year 5 will make accelerated progress and will be at or above the National Standard at the end of the 2017 school year.*  
**Result:** Of the 10 children in the target group 5 have made accelerated progress to now be judged at the National Standard for their year level. All 10 children have made progress.
  - **Annual Target:** *All children (10) who were judged to be below or well below the National Standard in Maths will make accelerated progress and will be at or above the National Standard at the end of the 2017 school year.*  
**Result:** Of the remaining 9 children, two have made accelerated progress to now be judged at National standard. All 9 children have made progress over the course of the year.
  - **Annual Target:** *All children (3) who identify as Maori and were judged to be below or well below the National Standard in reading, writing and/or maths will make accelerated progress and will be at or above National Standard in each area at the end of the 2017 school year.*  
**Result:** With the low number of children in this group specific data could not be release due to privacy issues. As a general comment all children have made progress in all areas.

**Strategic Aim 2: Children engage in a learning environment to experience success in all areas of the curriculum**

- Nothing to report

**Strategic Aim 3: Our culture defines Dunsandel School through a supportive environment that promotes the school's PRIDE Values**

- Nothing to report

**Section 2: School Governance**

- The financial statement for October 2017 was presented to the Board.
  - **Recommendation:** The Board approves the financial statements for October 2017 – **Approved**
  - The Board acknowledged the work of Sonia Colenso in managing the accounts for 2017. The demonstrated professionalism and timeliness of reporting was very much appreciated.
- Health and Safety:
  - The Principal confirmed all teachers responsible for end of year class trips had completed the required Risk Assessment reports.
- End of Year:
  - Final Assembly for 2017 will be held at the Ellesmere College on Wednesday 13 December commencing at 7:00pm
  - School closes at 12:00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Board of Trustees Meetings 2017**

The remaining Board meeting dates for 2017 are:

None

**Final Word**

As this is the final Board meeting for the year the Board would like to thank the teachers and support staff for what was another successful year at Dunsandel Primary School. Successful years is something we're growing accustomed to but we should never underestimate the effort and long hours that go into achieving this success.....thank you!!

We would also like to thank the PTA, parents/caregivers and the broader community for providing the school with highly valued and appreciated support.....in today's world this should never be taken for granted.

And as the Board Chair I would like to acknowledge my fellow Board members for the work they have put in during 2017.....thank you to Dave Robinson, Tracey Harrold, Vicki Pettit, Kylie Paterson, Paula Newton, Justin Wolff and Sonia Colenso. Its been a pleasure working with you.

Finally, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....stay safe over the break and looking forward to meeting up again in the new year.

*The minutes for the above Board meeting, once approved, can be accessed via the school website on the 'Our People' page under the 'Board of Trustees' tab. Should you wish to discuss any of the above issues please do not hesitate in contacting either myself or another Board member.*

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For the Dunsandel Board of Trustees