

## BOARD BITES: UPDATE FROM WHANGAREI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: NOVEMBER 2021

### Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 1 November 2021

Derek Slatter - Chairperson

Philip Burt - Deputy Chair

Johnny Kumitau - Parent Trustee

Hiku Mackey - Parent Trustee

Eden Rogers - Staff Trustee

Jess Barnes - Parent Trustee

Phiona Wilson - BOT Secretary

Hayley Read - Principal



**Student Roll:** 735 students: Yr 7: 365, Yr 8: 370

Enrolments to date: 93

Withdrawals to date: 58

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The BOT would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people for their contribution to the BOT report:

- Lisa Barber - Financials and Personnel updates
- Debbie Hedley - LSC Report
- Neke Adams - Te Whanau o Waimirangi SENCO update
- Meri Taylor - RTLB Mana Potential report
- Paul Botica - Property Report
- Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward - Te Whanau o Waimirangi Report
- Christine Thomson- Behaviour and Attendance analysis
- Wiremu Rankin - Enrichment, EOTC, Provision Registered Teachers programme

### APPOINTMENTS

- Gina Williams - Nau mai haere mai Gina Williams. Welcome officially to WIS. We hope you enjoy your term of teaching in Ruma 24.
- Joel Pitman - We have decided on a replacement teacher for Music. Our plan was to introduce Joel Pitman as our new Hauora programme and teacher as part of the specialist programme 2022. Instead, we have asked Joel to begin his programme a term earlier. His subject will have aspects of fitness, meditation, healthy eating choices to enable the body to be fit and healthy and possibly yoga for strength and conditioning.
- Anthony Barber is our new caretaker. He started during the last week of term 3, shadowing Zak and learning the ropes. From the holidays onwards Anthony has been flying solo and doing an exceptional job. We are so lucky to have such a diligent hard working individual. Many thanks to Anthony for his mahi toa and to Paul Botica who, as always, is providing great support and guidance.

### CURRICULUM AREA REFLECTIVE PLANS 2021

Our Heads of Departments (HODs) completed reflective/evaluation plans as part of the accountability and reporting expectation. Many thanks to our leaders for their commentaries. The information shared will help us the BOT to make decisions around funding and resourcing for 2022.

Danica Pevats - EnviroSchools

Shannon Watson - Education Perfect

Debbie Hedley - LSC programme

Paul Botica - Culture Counts

Sam Robinson - Student Wellbeing

Eden Rogers - Te Aka Puāwai

Katie Wilkinson - PB4L

Shannon Watson - Science Fair

Shannon Watson - Oracy and Literacy

David Kelly - Maths

Danica Pevats - ALLiS/MLA Coordinator

Tavis Hill /Adam Heke - PE and Sports

Wiremu Rankin- EOTC

### COVID RESPONSE AND ACTION

Key WIS Covid response priorities - underway and other prioritised options

- Attendance - a team of us ring all of the truants including Te Ringakaha, Paul Yr 8s, Wiremu Yr 7s, Christine, Neke, Debbie H. We ring daily. To date we have lost 3 students since level 3. That is one class. The number of students on a roll generates the number of teachers for the school. We are still sending our weekly reports to the MOE as per request. We are still closely monitoring Fridays to see if there is an overall improvement in attendance due to it being a regular learning day
- High School enrolments - following up on those Year 8 students who are still not enrolled. Many thanks to classroom teachers for helping to achieve 100%
- Miriam Centre Counselling for certain students - Christine to coordinate these programmes. In the meantime here is some information regarding the advent of [Mana Ake](#) being launched 2022
- Supporting Joel (Hauora) and Joseph (Performance Art) as our newest teachers - Wiremu to support Joel, Adam supporting Joseph
- 20 students continue to attend Te Ora Hou activities. These students were chosen based on their needs, requiring help with their decision making and goal setting
- Ramon Natana continues to run Tu Tauana - te ao haka activities for our at risk students in Te Whanau o Waimirangi. We know students come to school for this reason
- End of Year Student Reports - teachers to complete on their NZEI Accord Staff Only Day 12/11/21
- Covid testing data gathered from all staff and retained on personnel files
- Covid vaccination data gathered from all staff and retained on personnel files
- We are adhering to the latest [level 2 update](#) for your perusal

### FINANCE

Congratulations to Wiremu Rankin and Lisa Barber on their successful grant application for \$27,000 towards another school van. The BOT has agreed to match the application \$ for \$. Our new van should arrive mid year, 2022.

The BOT has approved \$36,000 for counselling services for some of our students. The issue for us is the difficulty funding any suitable counsellors. Whaea Christine is coordinating this important programme.

The finance committee is currently creating a draft 2022 budget for preliminary approval. The 2022 budget will be finally approved after March Roll Return next year.

### PROPERTY

Due to the lack of funds from the MOE the BOT has agreed for the MOE to revise the current 5YA. Going forward we can only afford plumbing, electrical, roofing, admin carpet and design concepts for classroom refurbishment.

### GENERAL

The BOT continue to thank the staff for their focus on wellbeing for our students during these challenging times. The BOT understands all major activities for our students have had to be cancelled and is equally disappointed. Kia kaha koutou katoa. Kia haumaruru. Be safe.

**Nga mihi, Derek Slatter for the BOT**

**2021 BOT hui dates:** Monday 6 December. All welcome to attend. Hui held in the staffroom, starting at 5:15pm. Nau mai haere mai.