

## BOARD BITES: UPDATE FROM WHANGAREI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: MAY 2023



### Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 22 May 2023

Philip Burt - Presiding member	Johnny Kumitau - Deputy presiding member
Hiku Mackey - Parent Trustee	Kelly Stevens - Parent Trustee
Loraine Witana- Parent Trustee	Eden Rogers - Staff Trustee
Hayley Read - Principal/Tumuaki	Phi Wilson - BOT Secretary

### Student Roll

554 students = Yr 7: 253, Yr 8: 301

Enrolments to date: Yr 7s - 18, Yr 8s - 17

Withdrawals: Yr 7s - 14, Yr 8s - 19

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

- Lisa - Finance and Personnel, EEO report
- Wiremu - TWoW SENCo report, PRT release and summary of the programme, Enrichment programme, Mana Potential update, Aspire programme, AIMS games update
- Christine - Attendance report and Behaviour Analysis, Nga Hononga Programme update, Te Ora Hou programme update
- Paul Botica - Property Maintenance Report, BOY Auraki Assessment data (Writing, Reading, Maths), Health and Safety minutes
- Eden Rogers- Curriculum Development plan (Curriculum Refresh) update, Culture Counts: RBL professional growth plan/programme
- Debbie Hedley - LSC Report
- Meri Taylor - RTLB Report

### CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

At the beginning of term 2 we had one of our call back days for the curriculum refresh. The day was facilitated by Riripeti Totoro who is a lead for curriculum at the Ministry of Education. We looked at the new histories curriculum and how we will implement it into our kura. This year the focus is on the new language of the document and understanding how what we are already doing fits into the curriculum area; social sciences. Here at our Kura we are so fortunate that we have been a lot of this mahi in previous years so as a development team it is a matter of working with what we have and weaving it through the new curriculum. Our next MOE Teacher Only Day is Tuesday 24 October, the day after Labour Day.

### STUDENT PROGRAMMES

**Te Hononga Term 2 2023** - Bush Jitsu Whangarei (Jiu Jitsu) offered a year's free training/teaching and training gear to one lucky student from any local School. Matua Tai alongside Saivaih completed the application form, Matua Tai wrote a letter of support for Saivaih, who was the successful student out of the many who had applied. Both Saivaih and his whānau appreciate what this opportunity means, and have made the commitment to fully support their son. The students are enjoying the fitness programme that Matua Tai has developed for them, learning to be healthy, and take care of their bodies. They spend time in the gym, and are now playing sports during the school breaks.

**Te Ora Hou Term 2 2023** - The Te Ora Hou Programme started Tuesday 9 March with 16 very excited students. The students are collected every Tuesday morning at 9am and are returned to school at 11.30am. The students have all agreed that to be part of this programme they must follow school wide expectations at all

times, representing themselves, their whānau and their community. This year we have selected students from all whānau across the school. This is beneficial for all, as they get to interact with others that they may not otherwise.

**The Salvation Army's Aspire Programme** - Aspire is a year long project to strengthen vulnerable young people and their families across NZ through a comprehensive program of personal development. There are 15 spaces made up of 12 participants with 3 on the waiting list. Objectives are to provide a support system and opportunities for young people to grow with a healthy world view, strong resilience skills and an ability to set goals. Engage and support families to understand and participate positively in their young people's lives. Facilitate young people to contribute back to their communities and networks including their schools.

### CULTURE COUNTS: RELATIONSHIP BASED LEARNING - PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CYCLE

Last week we had seven of our kaiako training to become impact coaches. This will support our coaches in all our whānau. The goal is to work towards more of a buddy system and taking some of the pressure off our whānau leaders. This term we also have our first round of observations for 2023 using IRIS. Kaiako will be using previous goals set in term 1 to reflect on their practices around the Relationship Based Learning programme.

### SCHOOL POLICIES

The BOT approved the 'Minimising Physical Restraint policy' as produced by Schooldocs and modified for our school. Please find this policy attached for your information.

### FINANCE

The school is in a good financial position with money available for building and property development projects. The BOT also funds student support a lot more than the allocation that is available in the operation grant. We are still awaiting audit visit; however auditors have started review of draft accounts and raising queries by email. As annual accounts should be completed by 31. We should expect a visit any time up to that date.

### PROPERTY

The school property is being maintained beautifully by Anthony Barber and his part time help, Mike Butler under the leadership of Paul Botica, with thanks.

- The replacement playground poles due to arson, are ready and the install company is waiting for the insurance company to approve as they will do both jobs when approval comes through.
- Ruma 1-10 put out to tender on GETs. Avail reviewing tenders
- 11 new cabinets for classrooms were ordered and should arrive in July

### GENERAL

We welcomed our newest Board of Trustees member, Kelly Stevens who comes to the BOT with engineering and management skills. It is great to have another community with passion and commitment to learning outcomes for our students. Nau mai, haere mai. As the winter sickness season begins we encourage all of you to keep well. It seems to have impacted our community already. Kia ora mai koutou katoa.

**Nga mihi, Piripi Burt, Presiding Member for the BOT**

**2023 BOT hui dates:** Monday 26 June All welcome to attend. Hui held in the staffroom, starting at 5:15pm. Nau mai, haere mai