

Rangiora Borough School Board of Trustees Report

17 March 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te tau hou o 2021.



Welcome new parents and students to our kura, we hope you have settled in well to your new school and that you have been made to feel welcome! Rangiora Borough has a lot to offer and are also willing to take volunteers for all manner of events, fundraisers and activities. Ask around for the best way to stay informed and be ready to lend a hand when and where you can. *Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te kura!*

Our year started with the heartbreaking news that our tumuaki Mr Alan Sutton has passed away. The first couple of weeks were spent coming to terms with his unexpected death and trying to support one another through our grief. We, as Board, are thankful that our Management Team and Team Leaders were able to provide a space for staff, students, whānau and our wider school community to come together, pay their respects and share stories of their friend, colleague, teacher and principal.



The celebration of Alan's life, held the afternoon of 12 February, was an opportunity to not only farewell Mr Sutton, but also to unveil the memorial plaques created in his honour. These plaques now take pride of place on the final building projects Alan was involved in; the *Sutton Stage* under the 'big tree' and The Alan Sutton Memorial Library: *Te Puna Mātauraka - The Heart of Learning*.



Unveiling the Plaque on “Sutton Stage” are Mr & Mrs Suttons Niece: Nick, Mr & Mrs Sutton’s Daughter-in-law: Stephanie, Ms Moeller, Mrs Sutton and Dean Sutton



Unveiling the ‘Alan Sutton Memorial Library’ Plaque is Dean and Jill Sutton

The Board has now had its first hui of the year and we are now in the early stages of working out how we undertake finding a worthy successor. This will be a long and difficult task which will require input from our school community. We ask that you please think about and respond to any communication or opportunities to provide feedback on the type of person you would like to see leading our school. *Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa.*

And finally, greetings from your current Board members:



- Louise Courtney - Parent trustee & Chairperson
- Catherine George - Parent trustee & Health & Wellbeing
- Emma Symons - Parent trustee, Deputy Chairperson & Finance
- Gert Hendriks - Parent trustee & Property
- Sam Jones - Parent trustee & Personnel
- Heidi Moeller - Acting Principal
- Jo Pasley - Staff trustee
- Di Kaye - Board Secretary