

## BOARD BITES: UPDATE FROM WHANGAREI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: JUNE 2022

### Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 20 June 2022

Derek Slatter - Chairperson

Philip Burt - Deputy Chair

Johnny Kumitau - Parent Trustee

Hiku Mackey - Parent Trustee

Eden Rogers - Staff Trustee

Jesse Barnes - Parent Trustee

Phi Wilson - BOT Secretary

Hayley Read - Principal/Tumuaki



Student Roll: 660 students: Yr 7: 314, Yr 8: 346

Enrolments to date: 33 (Yr 7s - 24, Yr 8s -10)

Withdrawals to date: 19 (Yr 7s - 9, Yr 8s -11)

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

- Lisa Barber- Finance and Personnel
- Wiremu Rankin - Mid Year Assessment data for Te Whānau o Waimirirangi Te Whānau o Waimirirangi SENCo report, PRT release and summary of the programme, Enrichment programme + T2's schoolwide programme
- Debbie Hedley - Learning Support Coordinator Report
- Rachael Henare - Resource Teacher Learning Behaviour report
- Te Ringahaka Tia-Ward- Te Hononga Programme update, Poua Te Hihiri update (celebrating 40 years of bilingual education at WIS)
- Paul Botica- Property Report, Mid Year Assessment data for Auraki (English Medium)
- Christine Thomson - Behaviour and Attendance reports
- Beth Lamb - Google Workspace PLD report

### HAERE RA

We are saying haere rā to Sonja Robson who has decided to work on their family farm assisting her husband. We thank Sonja for the 2 terms she worked at WIS and wish her the best of luck on her new mahi.

### APPOINTMENTS OF NEW STAFF

We welcome the following nga kaimahi to the following positions:

- John Sadler 0.6 as involved in the accelerated reading programme supporting Year 8s
- Our new Whānau Liaison person aka Takawaegna- liaison between home and school (attendance person) is Robyn Hakaraia (ex student from a few years ago). Robyn has not had experience in working in schools, she is currently a fitness instructor, but she has the personal skills (I believe) to engage with our students, Whānau and community. She will be in the last week of term for induction, and orientation, (she has to give notice at her current job), and will begin her new role from term 3. Her main duties will be attendance, home visits, follow up with Attendance Services, but we will also use her for LSA support, but unsure yet where, and what.
- Nau mai haere mai Selina Scorrige (relief Canteen Manager) and Andrew Barber (Kohanga teacher) as our new Auraki Learning Support Assistants. They began working with Debbie Hedley week 6. They will both be a huge asset to the programme once they have been trained under Debbie Hedley's guidance.

### COL2

As the two across school teacher positions (Eden Rogers - Cultural Responsiveness, Rachel Thornton - Written Language) were not filled, the CoL has permission to

spread the labour across the 7 schools excluding WBHS (PPTA contract won't permit fixed term CoL positions). Each school will receive an extra In-school teacher position and subsequent payment for their extra duties equivalent to \$8k for the remainder of the year. The school will receive extra staffing accordingly

### ERO UPDATE

ERO are regarded as expert evaluators. We are therefore meeting again on Thursday 30 June to discuss the area which we are considering evaluating. We have decided to push the rumaki, reo rua programme based on our own localised curriculum, Kia Māori Mai. It will be interesting to see what they suggest we do 'better' for our students as a lot of them come to WIS with no reo nor a whole lot of understanding of their tūrangawaewae. Hence the nature of our marau.

### FINANCE

The school is in a positive financial position.

- No significant variances in curriculum areas however Student Welfare budget has been severely impacted as a result of COVID and family crises. This is offset however by increased COVID response funding received from MOE.
- Reliever budget is significantly underspent – largely due to two teachers being charged to Teachers salaries and large reduction in relievers being available, particularly to cover COVID related illnesses.
- PB4L project funding grant of \$4,032 submitted by Gemma Thompson has been invoiced to MOE.
- Additional \$10,000 implementation funding has been approved by MOE for the new role of Te Hononga Kaihoe (Tai Heke) set up costs. This complements the \$70,000 previously approved for salary and admin costs.
- Our Accountant Nellie Shaw (Ask Accounting Ltd) has now prepared a draft Balance Sheet budget approved by the BOT.

### PROPERTY

- New Playground was installed. Bark to arrive and be placed on the playground. Plan B could be using the Enviro kids, we would have to organise to get wheelbarrows and rakes
- Te Whare Komiti has met and plans are afoot for the installation of a pou at the front of the school to acknowledge 40 years of Te Reo Maori at WIS with all credit to Uncle Toka and Auntie Eileen
- All the Fire Alarms systems have been updated to the MOE specs, paid for by the MOE. The school is now up to the latest code with a centralised and connected system for all rooms.

### GENERAL

We love seeing our tamariki attending school daily and congratulate the students on their recent assessment results. We encourage all of our parents/caregivers to attend their parent/caregiver/student/teacher interviews at the end of the term so their progress can be shared. Finally we wish all nga kaimahi a well deserved break at the end of this term. Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. **Nga mihi, Piripi Burt on behalf of the BOT**

**2022 BOT hui dates:** Monday 8 August. All welcome to attend. Hui held in the staffroom, starting at 5:15pm. Nau mai haere mai