

Kia ora e te whānau

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday 28 November for our final Board meeting of the year. The sun was shining, the windows were open, and we were into the home stretch!

2019 Board Workplan

You'd think we'd be taking it easy as the end of the year looms into sight, but not the MNS Board of Trustees! No, instead, we were already thinking about next year and what we have coming up on the horizon. We began the meeting by discussing our 2019 Workplan. This is a document that acts as a guiding framework and review tool and enables the Board to think strategically about the year ahead. It is included at the end of this newsletter for your reference, and you can also peruse it at your leisure next year on the website. You will see that a major item next year will be new **Board of Trustees elections!** Nominations will be called for in May and the elections will be in June, so keep your ears to the ground if you are interested in doing this important and rewarding mahi. We'll have an evening for interested candidates early in the year so you can ask all your best and trickiest questions of us to see if it is something that sounds like you. You can also see in the Workplan an indication of when numerous opportunities for community consultation will be. As always, we love hearing from you!

Budget

We looked at a first draft of next year's budget, which is looking good, though tight as always. It is unfortunately so clear how much we rely on school donations and the various fundraising activities that we and the Home and School do, to be able to deliver the quality education that we do. It would be wonderful if we did not have to ask parents for money, but it really is an essential component of our income. So a big thank you to all of you who donate and work hard to get that extra funding for us!!!

Achievement reporting

Joyce talked us through the achievement across the school and we were pleased to see continuing high levels of achievement and success. Schools are still working through how to report more holistically, now that National Standards have been discontinued, so we are looking forward to seeing school-wide results from across the whole curriculum, rather than only for literacy and numeracy. An interesting side note: as part of all the data we were shown, Joyce presented a breakdown of the gender and ethnicity stats of the children at MNS. We currently have 45% girls and 55% boys, and the ethnic breakdown is 13% Māori, 11% Pasifika, 15% Asian, and 59% European. Something for you numbers geeks!

End of year stuff

I just have to give a big shout out to all the amazing children and teachers for the Grandparents Concerts we had last week. Such a beautiful celebration of the importance of our multi-generational whānau, and the significant role that our grandparents play in all our lives. It was one of the most uplifting experiences and left me with a full heart and wet cheeks. Soulful singing, expressive playing, powerful kapa haka, beautiful dancing, and incredibly moving speaking. For me, it spoke articulately of a school where values are lived, not just talked about. Thank you so much everyone.

See you on Friday at the Fair!!!

Board of Trustees

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Our first meeting of next year will be **Thursday 21 February 2019** at 6.30pm in the MNS staffroom. The first 15 minutes is when we'd love to see you if you've got something to bring to the Board. We are really keen to listen to your perspectives and have a conversation.

Noho ora mai,

MNS Board of Trustees

2019 Annual Work Plan for MNS Board of Trustees

This plan has been created to align with the Board's strategic goals for the year ahead. It is a frame work that helps to focus our work flow and guide our meetings. It is also a review tool that supports us to meet Ministry of Education National Administrative Guidelines (NAG's).

	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4:	
	Feb	March	May	June	Aug	Sept	Nov	DEC
Meeting dates	21 st	28 th						
Administrative requirements		Accounts to auditor			Report to MOE			
Community consultation	E-Learning	Science / BOT Election Candidate evening	Maori / Pacifica	Wellbeing and positive behaviour				
Planning (charter) Strategic Plan, Annual Plan and targets.	CHARTER	CHARTER FINALISE						AP
Student achievement	FINAL (18)				Interim			Final
Community Reporting	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter	Newsletter
Budget	FINALISE	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	2020 DISCUSS	2020 DISCUSS
Staff presentations			Science	Pacifica Writing	Technology			
Principal appraisal				Appraiser's Report				
Policies	Review	Review	Review	Review	Review	Review	Review	Review
Board process				Transition of New Board	Governance training	Finance training		
Key dates – elections		Select Returning Officer	Nominations open and close	7 th Election 14 th New Board				