

To keep you informed of major happenings at Hoon Hay School, your Board of Trustees aim to publish this newsletter from time to time, which we'll use to headline what we have planned, what the Board of Trustees does, and include main items of interest about our school.



Bad weather forces school to close

Three days of snow, sleet, hail and rain forced us to close our school this week. We thank you for your patience and understanding over this time and appreciate your support.

Our suburb received one of the highest measured snowfalls – an average 25cm! We never take the decision to close our school lightly and at these times the safety of our children and staff are always paramount. The school suffered very little damage from the snow and we must give a special big thanks Ron and Dave for a superb effort clearing snow around the grounds on Wednesday morning. *Please be careful around our grounds over the next few days.*



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2011

The next School Board of Trustees elections is Friday 18th November 2011.

Trustees are active leaders in our school using their skills and experiences for the benefit of students. Each member of our Hoon Hay School Board of Trustees is elected for a three year term, our elections are held on an 18 month cycle, retaining half the board each time.

This year we have three current trustees who have all indicated they will stand again for election.



How about becoming a trustee

As a board member, you can make a difference. Have you considered becoming a trustee? We'll be calling for nominations in October; meantime if you are giving thought to becoming a school trustee we know there is a lot to consider and we encourage you to ask any questions you may have:

What is a school board of trustees? Who can become a trustee?

Ask us about coming along to a board meeting to see how it works. Feel free to contact the board chairperson or any other board member to answer your questions about what we do.



The New Zealand School Trustees Association website provides a great deal of helpful information about Boards of Trustees and their role working together for the success of our children.

Take a look: www.nzsta.org.nz

BOT Survey

This year we are asking for your feedback on school communication, reporting, and relationships. Our goal is to foster strong relationships & partnerships with parents and our wider community and to effectively communicate student progress to parents. This valuable feedback gives real direction for our Strategic Plan, the more we receive – the more we can improve and the clearer the direction becomes.

Already we have received an outstanding number of responses since the survey was released last week. If you have not yet completed yours, we encourage you to do so before it *closes on Friday 9th September*.

Please help us out – here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBCHK3X>

If you do not currently have access to a computer, please enquire at the school, we can make one available.

NEW CLASSROOM

Construction of our new classroom and teaching rooms started at the end of April and despite further shakes, snowfalls and some material supply difficulties, terrific progress has been made. It is expected the classroom will be ready for use around the middle to end of September.

There has been minimal disruption as the building works have continued and we thank you for your continued patience and care around this area.



Earthquake Repairs

The Ministry of Education has placed on hold all earthquake repairs in Christchurch schools. We cannot undertake any repairs to our school drainage, pathways or affected buildings until this situation changes.

Meantime be assured all our buildings and services are safe and hazard areas will continue to be isolated. Remain careful on pathways.

ABOUT THE BOARD Your Board of Trustees (BOT) is made up of 5 parent representatives, a staff representative and the Principal. The Board is mainly accountable for student achievement and must provide an environment for the delivery of quality educational outcomes. Boards are there to govern the school and the Principal manages the school.

The Board's role is to:

- Create a vision for the school's future alongside the Principal
- Be curriculum focused and "hands off" day to day management
- Deal with complaints and disciplinary matters referred by the Principal
 - Review and approve a strategic plan each year
 - Set a budget and monitor the school's financial position.
- Ensure the school communicates effectively with the community.
- Review the Principal's performance and management of the school
 - Review and audit school policies & the Charter

Your Board of Trustees:



Alan Wenmoth *Chairperson*
Lee McArthur *Principal*
Penny Rule
Martin Flanagan
Tracy Hurrell
Robyn Madden
Sandra Hamilton

The Board of Trustees meets twice each term at 7:00pm in the School Library, unless otherwise notified.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th August.

We welcome your ideas, input and feedback. You can contact the Board via the School Office on Tel. 338 8429
Ask to speak with Lee McArthur and she can put you in touch with any Trustee.
Or you can contact the Chairperson direct: Alan Wenmoth Tel. 3388 366 - themoths@xtra.co.nz