

Introducing *Hoon Hay Headlines*

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

A special welcome to our new teachers, students and families joining us this year, we know you will love it here.

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE:

Once again our community has withstood another traumatic earthquake as well as countless aftershocks; these are life-changing events that affect everyone in our community. Although Hoon Hay escaped the worst effects of the February 22nd earthquake, this time many of our friends and family have been impacted or are personally connected to the tragedies in the inner city. Our thoughts are with all staff, children and their families during this time and we hope for everyone's continued safety and well-being over the coming weeks.

Amazing Staff

We take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing staff for their professionalism, care and selfless dedication in ensuring our children remained safe and calm until they were able to be collected from school on Feb 22nd.

Also to acknowledge the superb efforts of our Principal, Lee McArthur, who laboured hard for two weeks to complete the detailed reopening process for our school and ensured that we were safe and ready.

Working Bee

A huge thanks to all parents, families, staff and friends who joined our working bee at the school on Saturday 26th February to remove tonnes of silt from around our grounds. This was an outstanding collective effort that made sure our gardens, playgrounds, paths and sports fields were cleared and accessible for our children's return to school.



Property Damage

Our structural engineers report has identified two major areas of concern following the February 22nd earthquake. The boiler room chimney and the hall wall facing Sparks Road are awaiting further inspection and remedial work, be assured the Hall is safe for use. Project Managers, Opus Consultants, will be addressing all earthquake issues and damage around the school and will work together with the Ministry and Loss Adjusters over the next few months to scope work and schedule repairs. Please continue to be careful around lumps and cracks on our pathways and avoid the cordoned areas, we'll continue to have some minor disruption around the school as various workmen make assessments and repairs, your care and patience is very much appreciated.

Aftershocks

We are not aware of any further damage from the aftershocks, no new engineers inspections have taken place however we are satisfied that our buildings are safe.

Please continue to send your children to school with their own boiled/clean water each day as fountains will stay capped until Civil Defence gives us the all clear for drinking water.



Fresh Colours ...

the school has been re-painted as part of our Property Maintenance schedule and looks fabulous - fresh and vibrant in the new colours.

We're enjoying so much positive feedback about how much the new colours make our school look and feel great!

We do hope you like the change!

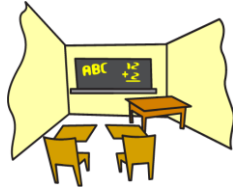
Strategic Plan



The Board of Trustees, together with our School's leadership team, spent a day at the end of January developing the school's Strategic Plan. Every year we take this time to reflect, discuss and plan for the future, we use the invaluable input received from teachers and parents from reports and through surveys made through the year. Our completed Plan will soon be published on the school website.

NEW CLASSROOM

A tender has been accepted for the construction of a new classroom adjoining room 1. The existing dental clinic and resource rooms will be converted and extended to provide a New Entrant classroom along with a large deck, cloakroom, toilets and three specialist teaching rooms. Work will start in mid April, and we will have architects drawings of the project available to be viewed at the school office.



We're growing!

Hoon Hay is a rapidly growing school – surely the envy of many. We have begun the year with more than 410 students – our highest number in decades. The projected roll total is over 470 by the end of this year.



We're in great shape at Hoon Hay and our challenge will be to manage this growth to be sure we continue to provide a well resourced and exceptional learning environment to all of our children.

ABOUT THE BOARD The Board of Trustees (BOT) is made up of elected 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

Each member of the 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. Next elections are due in October this year.

The Board meets twice each term at 7:00pm in the School Library, unless otherwise notified. A list of meeting dates for this year is available on the school website.

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 email the Chairperson direct: Alan Wenmoth themoths@xtra.co.nz