

Board of Trustees News June 2016

New Board

The new Coatesville School Board of Trustees took office on 10 June 2016. We would like to thank Maurice Hoban (parent representative) and Prue Blackmore (staff representative) for all the time and effort they have put into our school as Board members over the last 3 years. Their input has been invaluable and we are very grateful for the contributions they have made.

The new Board comprises: Richard Johnson (principal), Caleb Rosamond (staff representative) and five parent representatives: Belinda Finlayson, Sandy Hitchcock, Polly Joseph, Nick Pudney and Karl Sentsch. Belinda Finlayson was re-elected as chairperson, Sandy Hitchcock as Treasurer, and Nick Pudney was elected as deputy chairperson. Karl Sentsch and Polly Joseph remain the property and health and safety representatives on the Board respectively. Contact details for Board members can be found on the school website at: <http://www.coatesville.school.nz/board-of-trustees.html>

Finance

Income and expenditure is as expected. To date, 78% of families have paid school donations in part or in full. These donations help the school to provide a range of curriculum items we couldn't otherwise afford, such as sports, art and music. They are also used to fund teacher aides in classrooms which benefit all children in a class. The outstanding unpaid amount would make a huge difference to our school, for example, it could pay for an additional 1.5 teacher aides.

If you haven't yet made any contributions to your school donations, please consider doing so, either in full or part.

The school's 2015 financial statements have now been audited. No outstanding issues were raised in the auditor's report.

Sports uniform

The Board has approved a new sports uniform for the school as well as the company we will be using to supply the new uniform. The School Uniform Company is owned by a former school family and has helped come up with some colours that will make us distinct from our neighbouring schools as well as the schools we meet at inter-school and super-cluster events. Samples of the new sports uniform, which may also be worn at music events, are being developed and we hope to be able to share them with the school community in the next few weeks.

Logo

The Board has now viewed options for how the new school logo could be used on stationery and clothing. A poster size version of the logo will be printed so we can share the logo with the school community in the next few weeks. The logo will be officially launched at the School centenary in October.

New staff members

The Board ratified three new staff appointments: Keith Miller who will take over from Blake Zuill, Tessa van Zuilen who will take over from Chris Boulden and Andy Forsyth, a known face around the school as a reliever, who will open the new Year 1 class in Room 5 in term 3. We welcome them all to the school.

Painting

As part of our cyclical maintenance programme for the School, the Board approved some interior and exterior painting work. This will be completed in the next school holidays.

The next Board meeting is on 5 July 2016 at 7pm in the staff room. Anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings but only members have speaking rights. Board members' contact details are available on the school website at: <http://www.coatesville.school.nz/board-of-trustees.html>