



## Matakana School Board of Trustees End of Term 2 Update

It is a pleasure to welcome new families to Matakana School. We hope that you and your children feel part of the “Matakana Magic” community.

Your Board of Trustees have been hard at work this term. There’s a lot to report on and plenty to tell you about upcoming happenings.

There have been some Trustee changes. Our warm thanks go to Craig Dawson, Rachel O’Malley, John Taylor and Angela Corinaldi who have stepped down from the Board. We welcome new members Cate Ashwell and Natascha Hurt who were recently elected. The Matakana School Board of Trustees is made up of elected parents and staff. The current Board and their respective portfolios are as follows:

Trustee	Portfolio	Representing
Grant Clifton	Chair	Parent
Dale Daniels	Treasurer, IT	Parent
Natascha Hurt	Secretary, Policy	Parent
Cate Ashwell	Fundraising	Parent
Tony Mordaunt	Property	Parent
Darrel Goosen		Principal
Wendy Chittenden		Staff Rep

### Charter

The Charter is the school’s guiding document and it lays out how Matakana School will be managed, organised and administered. The Charter, including our Strategic Plan 2016-2018 and Annual Plan 2016 is on the website for your information , see [www.matakanaschool.co.nz](http://www.matakanaschool.co.nz) > Our School > Charter.

The Board of Trustees, management and teaching staff are focussed on learning outcomes. Reading is under review this year. The reading curriculum team under the leadership of Wendy Chittenden have been hard at work and we can expect a whole school reading review report to be presented to the Board during Term 3. We look forward to receiving this report.

Maryann Steel presented the annual Early Years Literacy Report to the Board. The report shows that the school’s literacy program successfully supports our children towards reaching the National Standards after one year in school. Where our children need additional support to achieve the National Standard, our school provides targeted teaching and assistance. These targeted literacy programs are proving successful and your Board has agreed to continue its support of these programs.

### Staffing News

The roll numbers for our children in Year 3 have grown disproportionately and unexpectedly this year. The school has therefore appointed Robin McCullough to support the teachers in taking out groups of students for literacy and numeracy learning in Year 3. In this way, we hope that our children continue to receive the targeted learning and support they need in the classroom. We extend a warm welcome to Ms McCullough.

Dianne Morgan has been employed on Fridays to support the Year 3 Waiata programme and also supporting the Kapa Haka group as a guitarist. Most of us already know Ms Morgan and we welcome her back.

### **Health and Safety Review**

Our school recently completed a full audit and review of our Health and Safety systems and processes of our school. Overall conditions and general upkeep of our school was excellent. The Board would like to thank Mike Pope for all his hard work and efforts in maintaining and caring for our school. We really appreciate it.

### **Property**

The Board has done a tremendous amount of work to prepare all the reports necessary for the 10 Year Property Plan that is due to be submitted to the MOE by our school in July 2016.

### **Fundraising**

A big thank you to our Community Relations and Funding Subcommittee (CRFS) who have been hard at work this term with a raft of fundraising activities.

For those of you that supported our school quiz night in terms of items donated and time given, a big thank you. Your Board would also like to thank our school sponsors for their generous contributions to our school. These are greatly appreciated.

We rely on every family's support and we take this opportunity thank those of you who sponsor our school, voluntarily contribute your donations, time and fundraising efforts. All this enables our school to fund extra programmes, activities and facilities which help our school achieve its vision of "Taking students beyond expectations".

### **Feedback**

Your Board welcomes feedback, and in particular, offers of assistance in any areas where your skills, expertise and access to resources may benefit your children and the rest of our school. Please don't hesitate to reach us via email at [bot@matakana.school.nz](mailto:bot@matakana.school.nz).

Yours sincerely

**Matakana School Board of Trustees**