

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 2005**

## **Welcome**

A warm welcome to new families who have joined our school community this year.

## **Board of Trustees Self-Review Day :**

In place of our normal monthly meeting for February, the Board set aside a whole day and met in the Park Pavilion to look in depth at self-review matters and to follow up on the recent Education Review Office report. New board members have been attending intensive training sessions as well, and this was valuable time spent on future planning.

The areas mentioned by E.R.O. for further growth were ones which our new Principal and the Board had already identified, and this day cemented our focus for achieving these goals. E.R.O. commented on the high standards of behaviour in our school, and the mutually respectful attitude of both staff and students. We are very proud of our school, and we thank everyone concerned for their efforts during this review.

## **Lion Foundation Grant :**

This week we were delighted to receive crockery and cutlery for the newly upgraded hall kitchen, thanks to the generosity of a \$1,000 Grant from The Lion Foundation, Sincere thanks to the Friends of the School for initiating this grant. It will now be much easier to provide cups of tea at school functions, as well as when the hall is used for community purposes!

## **Heretaunga Trust Grant :**

The Heretaunga Trust has also kindly granted the school \$2,695 towards providing new sports uniforms. When purchased, these new uniforms will be able to be used by the children for cricket, hockey, miniball etc., as well as for the Cross Country, and our school will be smartly represented during sports events. This wonderful donation is also most appreciated.

## **School Lunchbar :**

It is great to see the Lunch bar up and running on Thursdays and Fridays each week now. We are very grateful to Mrs Sherrice Bound for her work as the new co-ordinator of the Lunch bar, and our on-going thanks go to Mrs Diane Clark for her marvellous support "behind the scenes". Also a big "thank you" to the parents who have volunteered their assistance.

## **Playground, Outdoor Environment and Hall :**

This year, as part of the school's ongoing property, management programme, we are looking at ways we can continue to enhance or improve the school grounds for the benefit of the school community. A landscape architect will be consulting with staff and children, to come up with a visionary plan for the future direction of these improvements to our outdoor environment. We will be looking at environmental education, shade areas, play areas, "traffic flow" and entrance ways. Also under consideration is the potential use of the hall as a recreational gym area by painting appropriate markings on the floor, etc.

**Next B.O.T. Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held in the School Staff room at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23 March, and you are most welcome to attend as an observer.

Regards

***Mandy Cameron, Board Chairperson***