

BOARD OF TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS
MAY 2007

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees was held on 9th May. All members are looking forward to continuing the important work undertaken by the previous Board in supporting the Management Team, the Staff and families. We see our role as working in partnership with the school, focusing on the educational goals of children, and how Nelson Park School is going about lifting the educational achievement of its children in line with its Charter. Trustees will attend a training seminar on 21st May, run by the School Trustees Association. We plan to have a photo display on the Board of Trustees' Notice board for parents to be able to put a name to a face. We hope you will feel welcome to attend future Board meetings if you are able to.

Professional Development:

By participating in extensive professional development opportunities, staff continue to keep abreast of current trends and educational requirements as part of their on-going commitment to the curriculum. We appreciate their dedication in setting aside a Saturday in the next term break to work on the new Virtues Education initiative. Staff are also heavily involved in extra curricular activities such as sport, in their own time.

The Board wishes to congratulate Miss Erin Van der Peet on gaining her Post-Graduate Diploma in Gifted & Talented Education.

Property Management:

- The wiring for the computer network is now complete which will future-proof the school's I.C.T. systems.
- The Board is most appreciative of the Friends of the School's commitment to donating \$20,000 towards extending the new playground for the older children. We have been fortunate to be able to almost double the variety of equipment which will provide the necessary physical challenges for today's children.
- The next playground project will see the area outside Rooms 17 and 18 being developed.
- The new toilet block is due to be completed at the end of this month.
- Plans are presently being prepared for the pergolas outside the Junior Transition Rooms. This will further enhance sun protection for children.

Teachers' Paid Union Meeting:

Teachers were required to attend this meeting and we acknowledge the inconvenience this caused families. Thanks to everyone for making alternative arrangements for the care of the children.

E.R.O. Review:

The Education Review Office will visit our school on the 11th June as part of its three yearly cycle. They will be focusing on new initiatives and developments that have happened during this period and will be spending some time in classrooms to observe the teaching and learning that occurs in the school. The review team may take the opportunity to talk to parents informally.

Maori Community Consultation Hui:

We are currently in the process of planning to hold a Hui in Term 3, 2007. There will be more information as soon as dates are confirmed. All members of our school community will be warmly invited to attend.

Regards,

Kerry Hansen
Chairperson