

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS

### AUGUST 2004

#### **Hall Project:**

We would like to thank everyone involved with the Hall Kitchen and Toilet upgrade project for their perseverance and patience. It is marvellous to see the Lunchbar operating out of the new kitchen, and to have Afcare back on site. We really appreciate their co-operation in catering for the children elsewhere. Very special thanks go to our Friends of the School for their wonderful fundraising efforts towards this project, and to The Southern Trust for their generous grant which covered the new appliances in the kitchen.

#### **N.Z.E.I. Issues:**

N.Z.E.I. (New Zealand Education Institute) has requested that communities be made aware that Primary Teachers have some issues under dispute with the Government at present regarding teachers' workload, award qualifications, teachers' career paths and new teachers' entering the profession. They have supplied postcards for community use which can be sent to the Government in support of the teachers' claims, and are available in the school office along with further information.

#### **School Charter and Strategic Plan:**

The Board's main focus for the August meeting was an in-depth look at the school's Charter and Strategic Plan. The Charter brings together the school's vision and targets for the future. It is based on the foundation of literacy and numeracy – that is that children can read and write, and do mathematics, as a good foundation from which to move forward in their lives. Please feel free to come into the school office and look at these documents as they are the result of past consultation with the community, as well as staff and Board of Trustees.

#### **Property Plan Review:**

The Board will shortly begin a full review of the 10 Year Property Plan and will look at future needs of the school, including the upgrade of the exterior toilet blocks and provision of resource and additional individual interview / teaching spaces. It is also intended to upgrade the play areas for the older children, following consultation with a planning consultant, and we are extremely grateful to the Lunchbar for their commitment of funds towards this project.

Mandy Cameron  
Board of Trustees Chairperson