



Wadestown School

Board of Trustees

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News from the Board – July 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

As we break for the school holidays after a longer than usual term, we wanted to provide a short update to the school community following our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday 29 June.

Acknowledging the extraordinary contribution of Neil Paviour-Smith who is stepping down from the Board

After 13 years on the Wadestown School Board of Trustees and 11 years as Chair, Neil has retired from his position on the Board. Our deepest and warmest thanks to Neil for his leadership of the Board and extraordinary contribution to the school over many years. We will miss his wisdom and guidance and wish him all the very best. We plan to publicly acknowledge Neil's outstanding contribution to the school next term.

An election will be held for a new Parent Trustee

The Board has decided to hold an election for the casual vacancy created by Neil's departure. Ideally, we would like the new trustee to be able to participate in the recruitment of our new Principal. More details on this soon. In the meantime, if you are interested in finding out more about the role please do contact any of the Parent Trustees:

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The Board is committed to assist any and all members of the community to stand for election and to provide whatever assistance and encouragement you might need or want to get you on the ballot paper. You can also do it yourself – in any case all are welcome!

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can all be elected to the Board. Most people who are New Zealand citizens can become a trustee. There are a few groups of people who cannot become trustees and this is set out in [Section 103](#) of the Education Act 1989.

Trustees do not have to be parents, or have children at the school. All you need is a commitment to children and education and to help the school improve student achievement.

Our Principal appointment process has restarted

The Principal role was re-advertised in June and the closing date for applications is 27 July 2020. As previously advised, this means that the earliest start date for the term of the permanent Principal is now likely to be the start of Term 4.

Property matters

We have our property advisor appointed, our spending plans (including on the new playground) signed off and into the Ministry and our work-plan on the way to being finalised. The community will start to see earth being moved on most of those projects before the end of the year and initiation of the redevelopment plans for the Rata Block is also progressing.

We hope you get to have some time with your families over the holidays and look forward to welcoming our students back next term.

Any questions – just get in touch.

Noho ora mai

Mark Crofskey, Board Chair
On behalf of the Board of Trustees