



Wadestown School

News from the Board

Tēnā koutou katoa

Changes in Board membership

As you may recall, the Board has been working to co-opt new members to complement existing Board strengths and to ensure there is a solid mix of skills and representation from the community. You will have seen the message we sent out to the community in September requesting expressions of interest from members of the community with experience in governance, finance and/or a connection to Te Ao Māori.

While we were undertaking our co-opting process, one of our current parent-elected members, Anya Zohrab, announced that she was resigning from the Board. Anya's term on the Board has been an extremely busy one and the Board would like to acknowledge her hard work and dedication.

When an elected parent representative leaves, this causes a "casual vacancy" and the board can choose to select a candidate and advise the community, or run a by-election. Given the co-opting process we have run we are hopeful that we can proceed without a by-election, particularly given the time of year and the resources required to run a by-election. You can read more about this process here: [NZSTA Casual Vacancy](#)

The Board has selected Richard Nacey, one of the candidates who expressed interest in the co-opted positions, to fill this vacancy. Richard has a particularly strong background in finance as a Chartered Accountant and partner at PwC in Wellington and also significant experience in governance. Richard has one student at the school and one starting shortly. You can read more about Richard's background here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/richard-nacey-852b3a4b/?originalSubdomain=nz>

The school would have to hold a by-election if more than 10 percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll request this. As outlined above the board believes that selecting a candidate is the best approach at this time, however anyone who wants to request a by-election should email the Board at board@wadestown.school.nz within 28 days (Monday 11 December).

In addition to selecting Richard Nacey, the Board is also co-opting Nick Wells and Blair McDonald to the Board. Nick has a wealth of experience in governance, finance and te reo, plus a strong connection to te ao Māori. Blair has a strong background in strategic leadership and governance across a range of agencies, plus experience in finance, amongst other things.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that put their names forward for the co-opted positions. The Board was grateful to receive so many well-positioned applications.

We welcome each of the new Board members and look forward to working with them.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to everyone in the community who provided feedback for our 2024 - 2025 Strategic Plan. We know that parents and caregivers have busy lives and we really appreciate the time people took to send in their thoughts and ideas. As you would expect, we have gathered a significant and wide ranging amount of feedback, including from our staff and students. We are in the process of reviewing all of the feedback and will shortly begin discussing the plan within the Board. The Board will provide an update on its progress in December.

As we have indicated previously, the Board is hoping to build on the school's current strategic plan, rather than starting from scratch. The board has also resolved that our strategic approach will be to consolidate and build on a number of areas, and we are not expecting dramatic changes.

In keeping with this approach the Board is planning to retain the school's vision, 'Growing and Connecting as Learners', and the school values, as these have been well integrated into school life. A copy of the previous strategic plan is available here: [Wadestown School Strategic Plan 2021 - 2023](#)

Board contact details

As always please do get in touch if you want to discuss anything. Community members are welcome to attend Board meetings which are usually held on Wednesdays in the third and seventh week of each term. These dates are published in the school newsletter and on our website, noting that these change occasionally.

Board reports are also available to view at the office before the meeting. Minutes of meetings are published on the school website once approved at the next board meeting.

You can also email the board directly on an email which goes to all members on board@wadestown.school.nz

Ngā mihi maioha (with appreciation)
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