

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PANUI

Mauri ora e te whānau,

At our second Board meeting of the year on Monday night we reflected on it being four years since our first COVID lockdown, how challenging that time was for our staff and tamariki and how much has changed since then. We know that COVID is still present in our communities, but that for the most part people have learnt to stay home when they are sick and take time to rest and recover. Four years later, we also celebrate being able to come together as a community and enjoy our school Gala on the 4th of April, something we couldn't have done under the heavy alert level restrictions. We're so excited to be able to support our staff, tamariki and amazing parent helpers to bring this event to life and we hope to see you all there!

It was also really rewarding to see reports of our tamariki having positive experiences across the school/kura. Our staff prepare amazing reports so we can keep across our governance duties. This month we had reports on what's happening in each of the cohorts: Junior, Middle and Senior, and reports on our Positive Culture for Learning/PC4L, which is an evidence-based framework that looks at behaviour and learning from a whole school and individual student perspective.

For those of you new to our kura, or those who want more information about what the Board does, the Ministry of Education has a page on their website which you might find useful: www.education.govt.nz/school/boards-information/board-objectives. Basically, our job is to ensure the school is a safe place for all our tamariki to achieve their highest standard of education. We also need to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, supporting Māori education and localised curriculum and following the National Education Learning Priorities. As a governing body, we monitor policies that guide and support our staff and we keep a close eye on the budget as well as property and health and safety. Our Board meets once a month and any member of the community is welcome to attend. Our minutes are available in Kerrie's office and are available to read at any time. We also have a Property and Finance committee, headed by Daniel Gibbs who meets once a month prior to our Board meeting. With a school our size we have so many property and maintenance needs and this was a way for us to keep across it.

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On the property front, you may be aware that we have secured funding for a perimeter fence around the school. We have now agreed on a contractor and work will start soon. You will have updates as to what this means if areas of the school are closed off for short periods, but rest assured, there are strict health and safety protocols in place and this company has done similar fencing for many schools. We are also excited to have the mobile Dental Clinic coming in term two! It's been a while since we've had on site dental care and we're really happy to have this service available. The clinic will likely be set up by the turf, and again, updates about how that might affect access will be given at the time.

On the health and safety front, we have a couple of reminder notices about areas that make us vulnerable. Firstly, on the **carparks** (staff and gym) - these **are not drop off or pick up zones**. We sympathise that the roads around our school can be difficult and parking and walking your child in takes time. However, this rule is for the safety of all our students. We have heard of many near misses and we would hate for a tragedy to happen. Please respect the rules.

Another area we are vulnerable is unsupervised children. We would ask that you respect the rule to drop your children off **no earlier than 8.15am** and collect them **no later than 3.15pm**. Outside of these times we cannot guarantee their safety. If your child comes to school before 8.15am or stays after 3.15pm they must be in supervised care. One off instances can normally be accommodated by contacting your child's teacher. If you are struggling with this, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mary-Anne in the office.

Finally, on our website, under the "Our School" tab, you will find our Strategic Plan for the next two years along with our policies. If you wish to contact us, the best method is email bot@lynmore.school.nz or anonymously via the box in the office. If you want to attend the next meeting, due to the school holidays we don't meet until 20th of May. Please email our Board secretary Kerrie admin@lynmore.school.nz to confirm attendance.

We hope you all have a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing our community out in force the Thursday after for the School Gala!

The #Team Lynmore Board of Trustees

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