

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PĀNUI/NOTICE

Hallo, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Pryvit, Sata sri akāla, Annyeonghaseyo, Suostei, Xin chào, Ni sa bula Vinaka, Assālam 'alaykum, Kem Chho and Kia ora,

This month the Board was presented a report on our English Language Learners who are supported by Wendy Watson. These greetings are just some of the languages spoken at home by our ELL students/ākonga. Our staff are amazing at meeting our kids where they're at, no matter what their background, language or circumstance, and it was great to hear about these children's progress. We also had a very thorough report from each cohort with all the amazing activities that our children/tamariki are partaking in across the school/kura. One of our key Board objectives is that our kura caters to students of differing needs so it's a joy to see all the opportunities offered so that each child's interests and level can be catered to.

We know this has been a massive term and there have been a number of staff go above and beyond providing extra activities so all our tamariki shine. We would like to acknowledge some that were highlighted in our report this term: Mrs Belt, Whaea Dana and Whaea Andrea for RoboCup Rescue and RoboCup Theatre and our Senior teachers for EPro8, Mr Kidd for his vision and the whole SLT (Whaea Hinei, Mr Cunliffe, Mrs Belt and Whaea Lisa) for their organisation and health & safety support with such a large group at Showquest along with Mrs Filipo and all of the parent help on the day of the show, Mrs Mac and Whaea Catherine for supporting our Cross Country superstars, Mrs Fisher for her Maths training with the junior school, all our Team Leaders (Whaea Lizah and Whaea Dana in the Senior school, Whaea Whai and Whaea Shona in the Middle School and Whaea Kylie and Whaea Ruth in the Junior School) and our SLT for organising the epic Noho marae trip, and Whaea Hayley for her support with Chess. All our teachers/kaiako and support staff/kaiāwhina put in hours of work/mahi outside the normal school day to ensure our tamariki are offered a variety of learning opportunities and we wanted to say a big thank you, great mahi - tika ana!

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As always, we have lots of property projects on the go. Our fencing has taken a lot longer than anticipated but we're nearing the home stretch! We are also waiting to hear back about a few grants that will helpfully fund all the shade sails needed to provide UV protection this summer. This is particularly important in the Junior school as we will sadly need to remove the big tree by the roadside before too long as it's not in a healthy state.

.As you know, a School Board's role is to help govern the school. We do this by supporting our amazing Principal Whaea Hinei through policy review, being across the budget and property projects and developing the Strategic Plan in collaboration with you, the school community. We have a Property and Finance committee Chaired by Daniel Gibbs (with board members Annamarie Jensen and Hancine Samvelyan in support) who meet once a month with our Caretaker Heke Tarei, Whaea Hinei and Mr Cunliffe. This committee also looks at Health and Safety. The full Board meets once a month and we have key objectives to meet. These are:

1. Every student at the school is able to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement; and
2. The school:
 - (i) *is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff; and*
 - (ii) *gives effect to relevant student rights set out in this Act, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, and the Human Rights Act 1993; and*
 - (iii) *takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school; and*
3. the school is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs; and
4. the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including by –
 - i) *working to ensure that its plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori; and*
 - (ii) *taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori; and*
 - (iii) *achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students.*

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These are objectives set by the Ministry of Education and it's what helps us review what's going on around the school so we can report back to our parent and caregiver community. Our guiding document is the Strategic Plan and if you haven't read it, you can find it on our website. This will be guiding us until 2025. Any decisions are dictated by our Policies (also on our website) and are reviewed on a regular schedule.

School governance experience isn't necessarily something people have when they volunteer for the Board. Which is why our Board is constantly upskilling. Recently Annamare, Hancine and Karen attended a three day School Board conference in Wellington that offered many different seminars to help us better provide support to our school leadership team. This term Annamarie and Aneta also attended a seminar on The Board as a Good Employer and Aneta attended one on Suspensions. We think it's important to keep challenging ourselves so we can represent your needs. After all, School Boards were established in 1989 so that parents and caregivers had more of a say in the running of their children's school. That doesn't mean that everyone has all the skills required when they come on to the Board, so it's great that there are so many training options available to us, mostly for free, so that we can do some meaningful mahi for our school community.

If you are interested in what we do, please feel free to attend a meeting/hui. Our next one is on Monday 29th July 6pm in the SLT office. You just need to email our Board Secretary admin@lynmore.school.nz so we confirm attendance. All our minutes are in Kerrie's office and you are very welcome to view them at any time. We welcome any correspondence/feedback from our school community to our email bot@lynmore.school.nz or anonymously via the box in the office. We have approximately a year left on our current term, so if you're interested in learning more about governance and whether the Board could be a good role for you, please get in touch.

We hope you have a great month.

The #Team Lynmore Board

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