

ACROSS THE BOARD

March 2018

He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea.

A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish.

A new year and largely a new Board!

It is with pleasure I announce the following newly appointed Board of Trustee (BoT) members:

Howard Woodley, Jo Fisher & Rebecca Le Quesne.

We had our first BoT meeting of the year on Tuesday 20th February and it was great to hear the mihi and whakapapa from all those attended. One aspect that the BoT is continuing to work on is our knowledge of tikanga, and through meetings at the Kāpiti marae we hope that this aspect of our practice becomes ingrained. We are striving hard to make the shift between tokenism and true meaning.

It is with regret though that Paora Trim has resigned from the Board, His mana, knowledge and expertise have been greatly appreciated and he will be a huge loss, as a colleague, friend and mentor. We wish him all the best and are grateful for all the support he has provided.

As we look forwards, 2018 looks to be an exciting year with many plans afoot. Drainage as we all know has been an issue, but we have the go ahead for this to be addressed, and in conjunction with the obvious admin areas we can progress with the backfield drainage and turfing. We should start to see workmen from mid-April. A long time coming I know! We are also at the initial stages of gaining quotes for mobility / access upgrades and a scooter park.

As a reminder, I have included introductions from all of our BoT members. Happy reading!



Nichola Coe BoT chair

I was initially elected in 2013, and then again in 2016 and since the 'retirement' of others I have taken on the role of Board Chair. I am a teacher at Paraparaumu College and have lived in the area since 2009. I am passionate about our community and our tamariki, and see being part of the BoT as another way of giving back to the community.

Tena koutou katoa, Ko Shellee May ahau

I have been teaching at RBS in part and full-time roles for the past 8 years. I have lived in Kapiti for 14 years and have two children attending local colleges. I currently teach a lovely bunch of Year 5 and 6 students in Room 19. I am the elected Staff Trustee. I provide a link between staff and Board and bring to the table a teacher and classroom perspective, important considerations in any decision-making. I am the newly appointed Treasurer and will work closely with Mike to develop my capabilities in this area. I'm hoping my passion for Mathematics will be beneficial!



Jo Fisher

I am an urban planner and have lived in Raumati Beach for just over 2 years. I am delighted to be on the Board and look forward to working closely with my fellow board members and the broader school community. I am responsible for the property portfolio and it is looking like an exciting year ahead in terms of the various infrastructure projects planned.



Howard Woodley

Newly elected onto the BoT this year, I will be Shellee May's assistant with Treasurer responsibilities. Our family has lived in Raumati Beach since we relocated back from Auckland in 2012 and I am currently in Sales & Operations Management. I am passionate about our community and particularly sport, and coach Junior Rugby with the Paraparaumu Club, am on the Committee for Junior Rugby and an active Rugby Referee in the HK union. I am also involved in the coaching of our school Touch Rugby program. I look forward to adding value and support for our school, students, teachers and parents through our BoT.

Rebecca Le Quesne

As a newly elected board member, I will be assisting with Treasurer responsibilities as well as community involvement. I returned to Kapiti from Brisbane in 2007 and love living in such a great community. I own a business specialising in systems integration, business administration and accounts. I'm passionate about our tamariki and involving our community at the school.