



HERIOT SCHOOL

Board of Trustees

Monday 22nd July 2018 - #3



Introducing BLAIR Hi, I'm Blair Young. I'm married to Jess and we have 3 young kids—Jayden who attends Blue Mountain College, Chloe is in year 3 at Heriot School and Bella will be starting school in June 2019. I have lived in the Heriot area all my life and together with my parents we own and operate Heriot Earthmoving which keeps us fairly busy. I am also a keen rugby player and have played a fair few seasons for the Heriot senior team. I have been on the board for 2 years now and am really enjoying the new challenges it brings. It's pleasing to see our Room 2 upgrade has been completed and we are in the process of a boiler upgrade. We have a very enthusiastic board and wonderful staff who are all passionate about keeping our school and its students heading forward. We have a great school that is well supported by a fantastic community and I look forward to being part of this now and in the future.

Our School CHARTER

We hope you all managed to have a break and enjoy the school holidays. It has been a challenging and frustrating year for Board and management—"the best laid plans often go awry". However, the Board strongly supports the school management team in the decisions they have made around staffing and relievers that have been required to try and keep continuity and consistency for our learners through familiarity in staff. We thank you for your support and we all look forward to this term and the consistency that it brings in staffing. This will enable management to regroup and refocus on our strategic goals. The Board itself are making plans to research and understand how modern learning environments work (and the use of devices/chrome books) to understand how this would be applicable at Heriot School. We are also excited about the new Room 2 space and the flexibility that it will provide going forward.

Property

The Board recently met with the schools 10 year property plan consultant and reviewed the capital and maintenance priorities for the next 5 and 10 years. Overall, the report indicates the school property is structurally in good heart, with some minor maintenance requirements that can be achieved through working bees. The first priority for capital projects is, of course, the boiler renewal which we now await Ministry of Education approval for and their advice regarding one that will fit with current infrastructure. There are also some mandatory electrical updates required and the Board has also requested to have some funding prioritised for some upgrades to Room 3 and 4—we will let you know how this progresses.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings

The Board appreciates your understanding around the time taken last term for staff to attend the latest round of Paid Union Meetings.

The Board is supportive of staff attending these meetings as the main issues being discussed are:

- Attracting and retaining quality teachers
- The need for more staffing and resourcing to support all children, but particularly those with additional learning needs.



New BOT members

Following on from the last newsletter, we can confirm that **Mrs Debra Roulston** was elected as the parent representative to the Board.

Mr Lachlan Brensell has also been elected as the staff representative. We welcome them and the expertise they bring.

Contacts & information

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