



HERIOT SCHOOL

Board of Trustees

Monday 10th September 2018 - #4



Introducing MELISSA Kia ora, I'm Melissa Ellison. My husband Richard and I have two daughters, Maea who is 12 and Hana, 7. We relocated from Wellington in 2015 and have just moved into our own place on Dunrobin Road. As well as moving house I've just started a new business as a pre-school Educator with Porse. It's been a busy month! I've been on the Board for around 18 months and am really enjoy working with my fellow Board members. We are a good team and I am confident that this will allow us to face any future challenges that arise.

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Our School **CHARTER** - *Strategic Goal 2*

We will develop a well-being programme that is linked to student learning and success

As noted at the start of the year, we want everyone to be more familiar with our strategic goals and progress against these. Strategic Goal 2 is around well-being (see attached Strategic Plan summary). The Heriot School values are an integral part of our well-being programme, reflecting the school community's beliefs on what is important or desirable. They are expressed in how we think and act.

Management and staff have recently undertaken an internal evaluation of the behaviour procedures and are paying more attention to explicitly teaching our values, alongside skills and strategies around demonstrating them. A recent values report to the BOT (taken from school reports) showed that a focus on EXCELLENCE, followed by OPEN-MINDEDNESS and development of INDEPENDENCE are the top priorities. The recent school reward day that acknowledged students who consistently make positive behaviour choices is also part of the focus on values and strategies to demonstrate them.

We are in the process of surveying staff around their well-being. This is an annual requirement through our review of 'Equal Employment Opportunities' but we also feel it is important to check in on our staff around the extra demands they have on them and how they are coping with the staffing changes.

You would have recently received a link to complete a 'Heriot School Health Consultation'. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to complete this. It is a chance to have input around what you believe is important in Health & Physical Education.

Working Bee

Friday 21st September

starting at 3pm.

Would be great to see you all there. Please bring gardening tools if available.

Contact Blair Young for details:
0274 334 822

Modern Learning

The Board have a visit to Clutha Valley school planned for this Thursday 13th September. The purpose is to understand how modern learning environments work through flexibility in classes, open spaces and access to technology/resources and then consider how it can be applied at Heriot School. We look forward to updating you.

Property

A replacement boiler has finally been confirmed. We are to receive a 'pellet burner boiler' which has been ordered. Shipping and instalment tenders are in process. We are pleased with the decision to go with this type of boiler as it fits with our existing infrastructure.

Contacts & information

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