



## Board of Trustees Newsletter - Term One 2019

It has been a positive start to the school year, with children transitioning well to their new classrooms. Thank you to our staff who have been busy during their non-contact time to have our school environment and classrooms up and running. There is a lovely feel/vibe around the school. We are very fortunate in the current teaching situation to have been able to start 2019 fully staffed with such a high calibre of quality teachers. This has been a result of a great effort from not only our senior management, but everyone in terms of making Oakura School the school of choice for teachers.



An induction day was held for our new teachers so they can become more familiar to Oakura School Programmes and Culture. All teachers attended a Teacher Only Day in which they planned the year ahead together with their teams and the rest of the teaching staff.

Thank you to Matua Clive and the 'Whanau Hui' team who supported and helped out with our Powhiri. This was a really special way of welcoming new families, children and teachers to Oakura School.

The school environment is also looking fantastic with many maintenance projects taking place over the holidays. Thank you to the staff who continue to maintain our school so it looks great.

We have started this year with more students than any other year. Our school roll is growing and with that, so is the traffic and the safety of our children getting to and from school. We are part of the 'Let's Go' initiative and encourage our children to travel actively to and from school. We are keen to reduce traffic up and down Donnelly Street. If you need to come and park up Donnelly Street, please consider our school neighbours, the buses, emergency entrances and of course pedestrian safety and park in the appropriate spaces, which can be limited.



School Board of Trustee elections are in May this year. We have several members who are standing down due to their children moving on. It is a great way to get involved and make a positive difference to our school. Being on the Board has given me so much perspective of how the school is run and why things are done the way they are. We encourage you to consider being nominated for the next term. If you are interested or would like more information please feel free to talk to one of our existing board members or Lynne Hepworth.

It is pleasing to see the great start we have had, so thank you to the staff who, without exception go the extra mile and visibly show their professionalism, enjoyment and enthusiasm for the children and their development.

And finally the children themselves. We're all proud of you and the commitment you have made to the start of the year and look forward to continuing to share your learning journey.

Milou Barrett  
Oakura School BOT Chairperson

(Current board members: Milou Barrett, Claire White, Richard Shearer, Mark Bolger, Chris Ferguson, Natasha Jackson, Lynne Hepworth)