

# Wellington High School



TE KURA TUARUA O TARAIKA KI PUKEAHU

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2016

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Kia ora koutou katoa

WELCOME to all the new families and students who have joined our whānau this year. Wellington High School is a great place to be and we encourage you to make the most of the many and varied opportunities the school has to offer.

Our school has experienced a significant roll growth this year welcoming 207 Year 9 students in addition to many students who have started with us in other year groups. WHS began 2015 with around 1000 students. The school started 2016 with close to 1200 Students.

Welcome also to new staff members.

Congratulations to last year's NCEA students. We especially celebrate the achievements of those students who between them were awarded 18 Scholarships and 5 Outstanding Scholarships for 2015.

**Ganesh Nana, Chairperson**

## PROPERTY UPDATE

The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the policies of Finance and Property and have recently reviewed that of Health & Safety especially in light of the new Health & Safety legislation that comes into effect on 1 April 2016.

The Board of Trustees is happy to report that the following property renovation occurring

- the Technology Block roof
- new carpet has been laid in the entrance way
- air conditioning replacement project
- ambient lighting in the hall and the hall toilets have been reconfigured and renewed as well as re-lining of the storage room.
- hall theatre lights and sound upgrade is also in progress.

And following students request, the installation of new drinking

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2016

If you have enthusiasm for the Wellington High School culture and ethos, would like to offer your skills to support the students and staff, then we would like to encourage you to stand for the Board.

The Board comprises of five parent representatives, one staff representative, one student representative (usually shared between two students) and the Principal. This year, elections for the five parent representatives will occur in line with those for all Boards across the country. These representatives are elected for a 3-year term.

The Wellington High School Board is committed to the values of:

- Whānau
- Excellence
- Respect
- Ora
- Along with the Wellington High School strategic priorities of Excellence, Tikanga Maori, Partnership and Environment

The Board has a focus on governance and strategic leadership, on setting the vision for the school and supporting its special character, on monitoring the school's performance in raising student achievement and learning. The Board also ensures compliance with legal and policy requirements. There is also consultation with and work on behalf of our school community.

## ELECTION DATES

### Close of main school election roll

Noon Wednesday 4 May

### Call for nominations

Friday 6 May

### Close of supplementary roll

Wednesday 18 May

### Close of nominations

Noon Friday 20 May

### Voting papers sent by

Wednesday 25 May

### Voting closes

Noon Friday 3 June

### Votes counted

Thursday 9 June

### New Board takes office

Friday 10 June

Our Returning Officer is John Wilkinson

(john.wilkinson@whs.school.nz)

## BOARD MEETINGS

As the Board, we are responsible for governing the School and helping the Principal and Senior Leadership team provide the best secondary education experience for our taura.

The Board of Trustees meets usually on the third Monday of each month at 6pm (depending on school term calendars). These meetings are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing Trish Tuthill, Board Secretary, to let the Board know you will be attending. Email: trish.tuthill@whs.school.co.nz

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