



Kelburn Normal School

Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi

Board of Trustees News End of Year 2021



Kia ora koutou,

We know a lot of us will be looking forward to the end of 2021, it certainly delivered some unexpected curve balls once again! Despite this, the school has been in very good heart as the last few weeks of this busy term demonstrated. It has been a shame not to be able to do many of the traditional things due to the second wave of Covid but we appreciate the efforts of the staff to try to make things happen.

Thank you and Haere Ra

At the end of this year we farewell Kayleigh Peach and Charles Bisley. Charles has been at Kelburn for 17 years and has been at the heart of our performing arts ensembles, drama and creativity programmes and curriculum development. A passionate educator, we will miss Charles' boundless energy and incredible skill at enabling creative learning opportunities for our tamariki.

Kayleigh has been at Kelburn for 4.5 years. She has contributed so much with her tireless energy and work across the school. She has led our kapa haka for the last while and the roopu made great strides under her leadership. The Board has valued her contribution as the staff rep on the Board for the last 2 years.

We also farewell Carol who has been in the office for the last 18 months and done a terrific job with administering our accounts. We wish her well.

Rob Kerr is taking refreshment leave for 2022 and we wish Rob and Viv an enjoyable year travelling and making the most of their time off. Next year we welcome Brooke Harper onto our teaching team. Brooke will be working alongside Greta and Joelle in Whanake.

Farewell to our Year 8s

This week we say farewell to our year 8 group. They are a kind and hard-working cohort and it's hard to believe we won't be seeing those familiar faces representing the school on sports days and in the ensembles and clubs. The leavers' dinner and assembly this week are both hugely enjoyable events and allow us to celebrate how far our tamariki have come on their journey through primary school. Enjoy your next adventure and don't forget to come back and visit! Kia kaha.

Student Achievement

Throughout the year Andrew collates the student achievement data and shares this with the Board at regular intervals. Our children continue to do very well in their assessments and are holding their consistent levels of achievement in maths, science, writing and reading. We thank our teaching staff for their mahi to enable our tamariki to achieve so well across these areas of learning.

At our meetings we dedicate a considerable amount of time to understanding the results at either end of the curve and discussing what efforts are needed for those children who are not yet achieving the standard, as well as asking how we are ensuring there is still a stretch for those at the other end.

Strategic Planning

We have completed our strategic plan which guides the school through to 2024. Our strategic goals fit under 3 main themes of pūkengātanga, manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. We shared this with you all recently and the details are on our website, [here](#).

Property

As always, property is a busy portfolio and this year we are so proud of the addition of the mural on Upland Rd wall. Other major projects have been to repair/replace the middle turf and the start of the landscaping project (including shade cloths) which is ticking along and likely to be completed in the new year. Our wireless technology is due to be replaced shortly, to improve the speed and accessibility of devices in the teaching spaces.

Early next year, we expect the hall and PE shed roofs to be replaced. We have also approved frosting some of the glass windows to make the learning spaces more private, and the acquisition of a data projector in the school hall.

Finance

The closing of New Zealand's international border has meant that we had no international students in 2021. This has heavily impacted our budget settings this year. We planned for a significant deficit in 2021 but with very careful management we have a much reduced bottom-line deficit. We thank our community for their contribution to school and activity donations this year: your donations have made a significant difference to activities and services in the school in 2021. The donations fund additional staffing for learning support and extension learning, specialists to support the ensembles, ICT devices and pay for the things outside the curriculum funding such as camps, swimming, activities, trips and visits.

Our 2022 budget has had to be trimmed significantly, but will continue to provide the essentials to our children's learning. The donations we receive from our school community will continue to play a crucial part in enriching our children's education.

Thanks, Team Kelburn

Despite the difficulties of the year, our PTA has continued to support the school, our tamariki and our kaiako / teaching staff. This year they have funded the new mural and funded the shade cloths in the newly landscaped area. They have helped pull us together with events such as working bees, quiz nights, the 3P fundraisers, and put on BBQ for whānau picnics and events for the tamariki. Thank you so much to Erica and Bec and the PTA team.

Finally we farewell John Sneyd from the Board after 5 years and thank him for his commitment to our kura and input into the governance of the school on the Board. As his last act on the Board, we have given him the last word for 2021.

“After five years on Kelburn School's Board of Trustees I have decided to step down from the end of 2021. Given the quality of both the other Board members and the leadership of the school, I feel confident that my absence will not have any material impact on the school or its effective governance.

It has been an absolute privilege to have had the opportunity to work alongside and get to know Andrew, members of the teaching team and the wider staff. There is so much that goes into the successful operation of a high-performing school like Kelburn that most parents will never see, often thanks to the out-of-hours contribution of staff.

I would like to acknowledge Nickie, whose contribution as Chair of the Board is similarly often unseen, but time-consuming and superbly done. Thank you also to Susie Brown who, as the teacher rep in my first term on the Board, was a constant advocate for the staff, to Kayleigh who recently has held the torch, and to Loraine whose warmth and professionalism as Board secretary is endless. Finally, an acknowledgment of the work of the principal Andrew; you have a hard job, e hoa, and you do it with grace and excellence.”

Enjoy your break with your families and friends, haere tū atu, hoki tū mai (go well and return in good health, have a safe trip).

Ngā mihi nui o te kirihimete ki a koutou,

Nickie, Fiona, Andrea, Kayleigh, Chris, John, Justin and Andrew

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