



Kelburn Normal School

Board of Trustees News End of Term 1 2021

Kia ora koutou

It was great to see so many whanau at the school picnic, we were lucky with the weather for once! Thank you to all who volunteered to watch the children on the inflatables, supplied baking or helped at the food stalls. Thanks also to those who attended the working bee over the weekend, you can definitely see where you've been, the gardens look fantastic! Thank you Bec, Erica and the PTA Team for supporting these events, we appreciate it.



If you are thinking of getting involved with the PTA or at school events, I really encourage you to give it a go. The PTA is a good way to meet other parents across the school and I've noticed that the kids love seeing their parents and caregivers participate. Plus, the PTA uses rosters to break up the jobs so you don't get stuck turning sausages for hours!

Analysis of Variance

Each year the school produces an Analysis of Variance as part of its reporting obligations to the Ministry of Education. The document is like a school report and it records how the school performed against the objectives it set for 2020. While the impact of Covid 19 was significant, the school was able to keep progressing and this report includes a number of achievements we can all be very proud of. It is a dense document, but it does include an executive summary! [Click here to read the report.](#)

Property

In the last newsletter Andrew mentioned the property work taking place over the next few weeks. You will have noticed the middle turf is being pulled up and it will be relaid after the foundation surface is redone. This is because the turf is becoming increasingly uneven due to poor drainage. This is remedial work and is being progressed at no cost to the school. Secondly two large metal grills are being added to both exterior stairwells to minimise the possibility of children accessing the large metal beams. While technically compliant the Board and MOE have agreed alterations are required to keep our tamariki safe. Finally we have some subtle highlighting and other alterations being undertaken over the break to improve access for our community who are visually impaired. Both of these projects are funded by the Ministry of Education.

We are still impatiently awaiting pricing for the landscaping project, but can report that we have accepted pricing for two separate shade clothes to cover two areas - the Tupu turf and the asphalt area in front of the learning spaces. We are very grateful to the PTA who are funding this project. After consultation with some tamariki we are also close to confirming the design of a substantial mural to be painted by artist Chimp on the big grey concrete retaining wall in the Tupu area.

In the holidays the flying fox will be fixed and a new layer of cushion fall will be installed in the adventure playground. Thanks again to the PTA who are generously funding this.

New Hall Piano

Kelburn Normal School is a beneficiary of a trust established by an old boy, Mr GE Warburton for sport and music items. The Warburton Kelburn Normal School Trust are generously donating funds to purchase a new piano for the school hall. The current piano, which was donated many years ago, will be moved down to the Mahler room where ensembles practice. We are so grateful to the Trust and we look forward to thanking the trustees at a musical assembly in Term 2.

School Finances

The school is able to continue with its property projects thanks to the support of the PTA and works funding from the Ministry, however, the school's operational budget has been significantly affected by Covid 19 and the absence of international students. Last year the International Student Programme brought an additional \$100,000 into the school which is missing from our income this year. In such a difficult year every bit counts, so we wanted to thank you for continuing to support the school by making your activity and whanau donations.

Strategic Plan

Next term the Board will share the strategic plan 2021-2024 with whanau. After consultation with the community last year the new plan has identified three strategic pillars to guide the progression of the school:

- Hiranga - Achieving excellence
- Hauora - Wellbeing
- Whanaungatanga - Community

Detailed outcomes are being developed under each strategic pillar that the school will then report against to the community and the Ministry.

School App and keeping in touch

The school is replacing the current app with @school which is part of the etap school management software the school already uses. If you haven't received details of how to login, please contact the office. @school has better functionality and gives you better access to your child's information as well as other features like a link to kindo.

You can also stay in touch with what's happening at school using Facebook where the team regularly shares updates from recent events and learning activities. The school's website

<https://www.kelburnnormal.school.nz> has been updated and contains lots of information about the school including a link to our policies and procedures, for those in need of bedtime reading!

A special thanks to our team of hard working staff for their efforts with our tamariki this term. We really appreciate the work you do for our children.

I hope you all enjoy the break from routine over the holidays, stay safe.

Ngā mihi nui

Nickie van der Beek
Chairperson