

# Board Talk



## **Welcome everyone to the first edition of Board Talk.**

Board Talk has been re-established as a means of keeping busy Poukawa families up to date with what is happening behind the scenes at school. As a board, and as parents, we understand how important it is to maintain these links. So here is our first instalment...

## **Firstly, we are thrilled with the appointment of our new Principal, Adam McRandle.**

After months of meetings, matrices, emails, discussions, applicant shortlisting and finally interviews, we believe we have rigorously selected the best person for the job. As suggested by many of our school community we were after someone that would not only be a good principal but also someone who conveyed and modelled values, values, values.

We as a board believe we have found that someone in Adam. We are confident he will give Poukawa his very best and in return he has our utmost support.

Sadly, Cameron resigned from the BOT at the end of last year so we have had to elect a new Board Chair. We are excited to report that Michael Bush has been elected unanimously. Already he has shown his dedication and commitment to the role with his tireless work effort regarding the appointment of our new Principal.

## **Curriculum/Policy**

Writing is still a focus with the aim being to lift our overall writing achievements. This has been going along splendidly with teachers implementing an Accelerated Literacy Learning (ALL's) programme. We are considering using the maths equivalent next.

The Poukawa STAR values are still being tweaked on paper, but already being implemented in person, which is great news. Being a Poukawa Kid is back up and running :)

ERO visit will be next term. School Docs is being considered as a handy tool to monitor, maintain and review the bevy of ministry required policies and reviews.

## **Bits and bobs**

Our civil defence supplies are going to be needing a bit of a jazz up soon so look out for information regarding that coming home. Storage, that old chestnut, has come up again re the resource shed. Time to get that skip in! This too will enable more storage for those civil defence supplies. The cargo net for the fort is to be replaced with new bark also coming.

A huge thanks too for all those who support our working bees. They really are essential if we are to maintain our school. It is also a fabulous way to socialise with those families you just don't see often enough. Talk again after the next meeting -

**Poukawa Board of Trustees**

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