



BOARD TALK

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the first BoardTalk for 2022. There is a lot to talk about and we are very thankful that school is returning to normal with the reversal of many of our COVID requirements. On Thursday, the Board had its first face to face meeting since August 2021. In September we will have our last meeting as a Board as we prepare for Board elections.

Board Elections—Clinton Ulyatt

Put your hand up please!

Ever wondered what the Three Kings Board of Trustees do?

I wondered the same thing. Last year when two of the existing board resigned their positions the opportunity arose for a few of us to be appointed to the board until the next election, which is now due in September due to Covid disruptions.

The board is composed of parents with very different skills and backgrounds. Working with the Principal Moira Blair, Janine Young the Secretary and Steve Sutton the Teacher Representative. We are responsible for the operation of the school. This covers a broad range of areas, health and safety, school policy, property, finances, working with the Parent Teacher Association and Ministry of Education, among many other things. Moira Blair the Principal is responsible for the day-to-day management at Three Kings School/ Te Tātua o Rakataura and we are there to support her with that.

We meet twice a term, during the evenings for a few hours. Much of the work is carried out in between meetings and is not at all arduous.

Three Kings School is diverse, and the board is a good representation of that diversity. For some this is their first time on a school board. The Board cultivates a supportive environment where we home-in on our strengths, whilst learning a lot of new things along the way. There are a lot of opportunities to upskill through continued learning offered through the Ministry of Education.

Come September there will be the opportunity for new members to join, as current board members move-on. There is a lot that can be accomplished, as the school adapts to meet the needs of our changing community.

I'd encourage any parent or community member to express their interest. We want the views of our school community to be voiced, heard. And put into action.

Go on put your hand up!

If you wish to know more, feel free to contact us on chair@threekings.school.nz.

Recent Policy Reviews

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the following policies as part of our regular scheduled review:

- Medicines, Managing Injury and Illness, Infectious Diseases
- Reporting and Recording Accidents and Incidents
- Behaviour Management, Bullying and Online Bullying
- Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches
- Principal's Appraisal

If you wish to view any of the school policies, please visit schooldocs.co.nz (Username 3kings, Password: school). Any feedback can be submitted to chair@threekings.school.nz.

School Update

It's Term 2 already and isn't it wonderful to finally be back on school grounds as a community!

Although the Board hasn't been able to come into school for our usual BoardWalk we have still been enjoying the updates we receive from Ms Blair and reading about the wonderful activities that have been happening in the school during Term 1.



The thunder goes boom, pop
Flash, splash, plip plop
The sky is lightning
The rain falls loudly like drums
By Ashby Tuiali-Tuala

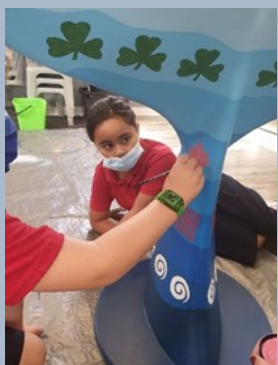
Koru

We loved seeing the fun St Patrick's Day activities happening in the Koru syndicate – Irish dancing under the Crown, decorating shamrocks and some wonderful class writing. We also enjoyed reading the fantastic Koru descriptions of the 'The day it rained' – wasn't that some crazy weather and wasn't the waterfall on the steps amazing?!



Porohita

What a creative group we have here and what a busy term for Porohita. The children must have loved being involved in designing and painting the pēpi whale tail for the WWF Whale Tale Trail. We certainly enjoyed seeing the finished whale tail and some of us even got to see it at the Auckland Museum and the Farewell weekend. It is now back here at Three Kings School. And how exciting to finally get started with the Garden to Table programme. This is such a wonderful addition to the



school curriculum and we know that the Porohita children will gain so much from taking part. We look forward to seeing the veges growing in the new garden beds and we hope to be able to try some of the delicious meals once the new kitchen is ready to go!



Toki



Firstly, a big congratulations to the newly elected Toki leaders – the House leaders, the Class representatives and the IT crowd. We know that you will all do a great job for the school and represent your fellow students well. It will be great to hear some of the ideas that come out of your leadership meetings too.

How much fun was the Toki Bombardment tournament? It looked like the kids and the teachers were extremely competitive and it was certainly a tough battle. Maybe some of our Board members will have to join in next time. Great to see everyone getting outside and getting active together!

All the best for Term 2 everyone! We look forward to heading in for a "real" Boardwalk some time soon!

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Property Update

Over the holidays the school roof was replaced and a fabulous mural was painted on the eastern inside wall by local artist and parent Paul Walsh. Thank you Paul for bringing your creativity to our pool!



The hall kitchen is being upgraded and new garden beds established. The teacher's resource room had a major overhaul, with new shelving for additional storage. The Board approved funding for additional plating to replace a number of trees lost in recent years and plan for long term tree cover. We continue to work with the Ministry regarding the upgrade of the Transition Room (New Entrants Class) and hope to have plans formalised this year.

Finance

Thank you to those who have contributed donations this year. The school relies on donations and activity fees to fund extra resources, support for learners, and school trips.

We encourage families to continue to support the School by paying the donation and activity fees on [Kindo](#). Did you know that your donation to our school attracts a tax credit? Our school has partnered with TaxGift, a simple-to-use service that enables you to donate this tax credit back to us, boosting your donation by up to 48% at no additional cost to you. It is easy to register - see details on [Kindo](#).

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