



## Board Update March 2019

Kia ora

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you all for your support over the past couple of weeks. It has been a tough time for children, staff, parents, and New Zealand as a whole. It has been great to see the numerous examples of our community showing real resilience and kindness over this period. We were really proud of our children for fully embracing 'Colour Your Day with Kindness' on Friday and the thoughtfulness and generosity they showed towards the people impacted by the tragic events in Christchurch.



*Children showing support for Christchurch on Friday*

Despite recent challenges, there have been several highlights for the school over the past month. These include the playground opening on 4 March and formally welcoming a number of new families to our whānau at the school pōwhiri on 20 March.

In this update we remember Karen Grant, invite feedback on board policies, discuss board of trustees' elections and provide an update on things coming up.

### **Remembering Karen Grant**

Last week we said farewell to Karen Grant, who had been a valued teacher and member of our community for 25 years. Karen touched the lives of many children, staff and parents over this period. Louise Green spoke at Karen's funeral and gave a touching account of the positive contribution that Karen had made to the school and friendships made with staff during her time with us.

The board would like to again thank you for your support over this period, including those of you who were able to pick up your children early on Thursday so that teachers could attend Karen's funeral.

### **We seek your feedback on policies**

Each term the board of trustees' reviews some of our policies to make sure they are still fit for purpose. As part of these reviews we appreciate feedback from parents. The policies for review in Term 1 are:

- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- School Swimming Pool

We encourage you to look at the above policies and provide feedback. The policies can be viewed via School Docs (<http://khandallah.schooldocs.co.nz/index.htm?toc.htm?7043.htm>) and using the below login details:

Username: khandallah

Password: kaukau

Once in School Docs, you can click on any of the policies for review, read them and provide feedback by clicking on the 'Under Review Term 1, 2019' button at the top of the page.



UNDER REVIEW  
Term 1, 2019

Late last year the school was scheduled to consider a 'Religious Instruction' policy. Rather than rush this process, the board decided to create the policy in Term 1 this year. We have drafted what we believe to be a straightforward religious instruction policy for Khandallah School. We would now like your feedback on this policy.

The policy can be viewed via School Docs: <http://khandallah.schooldocs.co.nz/27011.htm>.

To submit feedback please click the feedback button on the policy page or use this link : <http://feedback.streamliners.co.nz/Schooldocs/feedback.aspx?id=27011&to=principal@khandallah.school.nz&cc=&Subject=Khandallah%20School%20Feedback%20re:%20Khandallah%20School%20Religious%20Instruction%20-%20No%20RE>

Please submit feedback by the end of Term 1 2019.

### **Board of Trustees elections**

As I mentioned in February Board of Trustees Update, three parent representative positions on the board are up for election in early June. These are hugely rewarding positions and provide parents an opportunity to get involved in shaping the direction of Khandallah School as well as giving you valuable governance experience.

The board will be discussing the exact skills and attributes we are looking for at our April meeting, but key skills/attributes we are looking for from new members include property management, financial understanding, knowledge of education from a parent perspective and active community linkages.

The New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA) is holding an information evening for people in Northern Wellington who are potentially interested in becoming a school trustee. This evening is on 2 April at 6pm at Crofton Downs School. A flyer is attached at the end of this update.

People who are interested in knowing what it is like being on the board of trustees are welcome to sit in and observe our next meeting on Thursday 4 April at 5:30pm in the school staffroom. If you are interested in attending or would like further information about the board of trustees, please get in touch ([bot@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:bot@khandallah.school.nz)) to have an informal chat.

## **Other things to note and what's coming up**

A couple of weeks ago the board of trustees sent out an information email about a public meeting on a bottle store application in Khandallah Village. We have received feedback offering a range of views from parents on the bottle store application, with some asking the board to put in a submission. After considering the grounds on which to object to an application/licence we have decided not to put in a submission for two reasons – we feel that we cannot put forward a compelling case; and any case put forward would take board attention away from core business which is ensuring Khandallah School delivers on its strategic goals.

Our next board meeting is on Thursday 4 April at 5:30pm in the school staffroom. As outlined in last week's Newsletter, the following items are on our agenda:

- Discussion items: Board Elections, The Khandallah Way for parents, Tomorrow's School Submission, Staff Wellbeing
- Items to note: 2018 Analysis of Variance final, 2019 Charter & Strategic Plan final
- Regular reports: Chairperson, Principal, Finance, Property, Policy, Community Engagement, Health, Safety & Wellbeing.

As always, if you want to discuss any of the above or want to talk, please get in touch with me directly or send the board an email at [bot@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:bot@khandallah.school.nz).

**Shaun Twaddle (chair)**

on behalf of the Khandallah School Board of Trustees



## Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

We are holding a community hui at Crofton Downs Primary School hall on 2 April 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning!