

Aparima College

Update from the Commissioner – 7 July 2017

I received a note from Brent Russell (former principal of Dunstan College - a PB4L school) to say that he received a warm welcome when he visited Aparima College, enjoyed meeting our staff at the Teacher Only Day and was impressed with their positive attitude and willingness to engage and I am pleased to pass on the compliment.

The Education Review Office Report will be publicly available on the 12th of July 2017. It will be available on www.ero.govt.nz. You will note that a number of improvements have been remarked upon and that recommendations have also been made for continued improvement in five key areas. Reports to the governance group provide assurance that progress is being made in the key areas of Teaching and Learning and Student Wellbeing.

Of concern to many will be the recommendation that the Ministry of Education consider on-going statutory support for the school and that urgency be employed in addressing the key next steps detailed in the report. The Education Review Office will be visiting the school again in one to two years to assess the progress made, particularly in these key areas.

I have received four responses to the parent questionnaire to date so I would like to extend the offer to provide feedback about the school – using the attached form or directly by way of post to PO Box 17, Lake Tekapo 7945 or by email sent to hornseyn@farmside.co.nz. Your comments (which remain anonymous) are very valuable and will help inform the Ministry of Education about what level of statutory support is appropriate. A review of the intervention is due to be completed by mid-September 2017.

A reminder that if at any time you have a concern or complaint, the school's policy is to approach the person concerned in the first instance, then, if that is not appropriate or satisfactory, to approach the principal and then, if that is not appropriate or satisfactory to contact me – by email or by calling me 027 291 0384 or 03 680 6838. The aim is to have concerns and complaints resolved at the lowest level and in a timely manner. Letting us know there is a problem is the only way we can take steps to resolve it and the process is there to be used – thank you.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays.

Nicola Hornsey