

Update from the Commissioner

Powhiri for Mr Cameron Davis – 30 April 2018

I look forward to seeing you all at the powhiri to welcome our new principal Mr Davis at 10.00 am on Monday 30 April 2018 (the first day of Term Two) in the Aparima College Hall.

Board of Trustees Election

The Ministry of Education has given permission to hold an election. This is an exciting milestone for the school as a successful election will result in the end of the statutory intervention.

Mrs Lynette Heath has been appointed as the Returning Officer for the parent and staff representatives. Mrs Heath has extensive experience as a Returning Officer and the process will be well supported by the New Zealand School Trustees Association. Mrs Heath has declared that her daughter is a member of staff so, in order to manage any conflict of interest, the counting of votes will be scrutineered.

The term of office for the parent and staff elected representatives will be for approximately one year and a fresh election will be held in mid-2019 to realign the school with the national triennial election cycle.

Mrs Joanne Daly has been selected as the Returning Officer for the student representative election. I am currently awaiting confirmation as to the length of the term for as student representative elections normally take place in September of each year.

Election Timetable

Close Main Electoral Roll	Tuesday 17 April 2018
Call for Nominations by	Tuesday 24 April 2018
Close Supplementary Roll	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Nominations Close	Thursday 10 May 2018
Voting Papers Sent by	Tuesday 15 May 2018
Voting Day	Thursday May 24 2018
Count Votes	Wednesday 30 May 2018
Board Takes Office	Thursday 31 May 2018

Parent Representatives

There are five parent representatives on the Aparima College Board of Trustees. Nominees do not have to be current parents of students but they do need to be nominated by a parent who is on the electoral roll. Information about the role of the Board of Trustees and the election process can be found at www.nzsta.org.nz. Promotional material will be also be distributed as part of the election campaign.

Board of Trustees Training

To ensure that the new Board of Trustees is well supported, the New Zealand School Trustees Association will fund the provision of a governance advisor for up to six months. The advisor will attend board meetings and provide advice and training tailored to any needs identified by the board.

Financial Assistance

In more good news – the Ministry of Education has approved the request for further financial assistance with the costs of the intervention dating from December 2017. This is in addition to the travel costs that the Ministry of Education has always met.

Nicola Hornsey

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