

Aparima College – Final Report from Nicola Hornsey

1 June 2018

Board of Trustees Election

A very successful election campaign resulted in ten nominations for the five parent representative positions. My sincere thanks to all those who stood for election and to the Returning Officer - Mrs Lynette Heath - who ensured the whole process ran very smoothly. Congratulations to the new board members. I wish you well as you guide the College into the future.

The first Board of Trustees meeting will be held on 5 June 2018. Mrs Leeanne DeVries from the New Zealand School Trustees Association will be supporting the new board and the external principal appraiser will attend the June meeting to provide an outline of her role in appraising and professionally developing the principal.

School Leadership

Mr Davis has enjoyed a seamless induction into the role of Principal, aided by the support of the Deputy Principals - Mrs Fraser and Mr Laurenson - and by being able to visit the school regularly during Term I.

The community has been very welcoming to Mr Davis and staff, parents, students and community members are all welcome to come and talk to Mr Davis at school or when you see him out and about in the community.

Student Leadership

Whilst a student representative election will not be able to be held until September, the attendance by the school's senior students at our governance meetings has been much appreciated and I encourage the new board to continue this practice. The contribution the students make to discussions is thoughtful, balanced and very valuable.

All students are to be encouraged to discuss any issues they have with the senior students – they do listen and they do take action. Alternatively, students are encouraged to come to the school office where they will be helped to talk to the right person.

Parent Involvement

There are many ways to support your children at school and a good way to find out how and meet other parents is to become involved with the PTA. The AGM is in June and I encourage you to go along and get involved – any time you have to help is enough. “Many hands make light work”.

Community Events

The upcoming opening of the refurbished Junior Block will be a great opportunity for the school to showcase the classrooms and for the Principal and staff to meet and catch up with the school community. Everyone is welcome. Aparima College is a school for the community so do come along.

I wish the College all the best for a strong and successful future and thank everyone very much for the courtesy and respect I have been shown throughout my involvement with the school.

Nicola Hornsey – former Commissioner.