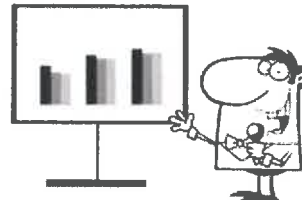




## Board Talk

The Board of Trustees held our monthly meeting on 22 September in the staff room at NaeNae. We welcomed Lina Stowers to the Board as a parent representative. The flu that impacted heavily on many of the families at school also resulted in apologies from four of our nine board members.



The process for establishing satellite and community classrooms is still being explored with the MoE as a part of our strategic direction for Kimi Ora. Strategy needs to be based on good quality information and so we have been accessing data provided on the 'Education Counts' website on ORS funded students in our region.

Each time a student leaves Kimi Ora, their funding leaves with them. Roll fluctuations are a challenge for any school, but particularly so, with our small roll. In August the budget was re-forecasted to accommodate the changes in roll and we looked at how expenditure might be impacted. In the meantime we have new students starting either this term or in the new year.

Health and safety of our students is of paramount importance to our school. At this month's meeting a number of health and safety issues were covered:

- There is concern that we do not have emergency medication on site for all students. It is very important that we have this and one option that is being explored is that the School, with caregiver consent obtain prescriptions from the students GP. However the best option remains, that we (the caregivers) send in the necessary medication... please. If you are not sure what is needed, just ask your child's teacher.
- For the protection of students and staff, all visitors to Evans Bay will enter through the first set of auto-doors, be required to sign in and then admitted through the second set of auto-doors. Plans are underway to have the same system in Naenae.
- Evans Bay Intermediate is going to be building some additional external fencing that will result in the entire school being fenced in.
- How to ensure the equivalent safety provided by police checks is provided when employing staff from overseas.
- Training for Board members will soon be provided in the light of the new Health and Safety bill which will come into effect in April 2016.

As a Board we congratulate and thank staff on the success of the 'Family Fun Day'. There was great turnout of students and their whanau.... Such a buzz to see everyone engaging in all the activities.

We also want to acknowledge the rich gift that Ray Tuffin provides to both sites through his golf sessions, which are free of charge to the school.

Shirley, Peter McDermott and myself recently attended the first professional development meeting organised for Principals and Board Members of special schools. All special needs schools in New Zealand had representatives there and it was useful discussing the issues that we face. Shirley and I also attended a meeting of School Principals and Board Chairs from the schools in the area surrounding Naenae. This was an initial meeting to see if there might be benefits from networking and using a team approach on various issues.



## Board Talk Continued...

Several board members attended the Hautu Cultural Responsiveness workshop held by the New Zealand Trustees Association. This is a government strategy aimed at increasing Maori achievement in schools. Sue Perry, Deputy Principal is presenting to the November Board meeting on what we have been doing at Kimi Ora, more broadly supporting the cultural diversity of our students.

Each month policies come due for review. This month the policies reviewed were; Staff Appointments, Staff Performance Management and Rewards for Additional Responsibilities.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday 20 October, 7-10pm at the staff room of Kimi Ora, NaeNae. Board meetings are public, which means all parents are welcome to attend. The Board is responsible for school governance and the Principal for school management. If you have any issues you think are governance issues, contact Shirley or myself, [pwood.nz@gmail.com](mailto:pwood.nz@gmail.com) or 021 1655329.

Nga Mihi,

Philippa

Board of Trustees Chairperson



Parents of children who have been formally diagnosed with a disability and who do not yet receive the Child Disability Allowance, are entitled to approach their local Work and Income office and apply. The allowance is not means tested and amounts to approximately \$92 per fortnight.

On attaining the age of 16, children with a disability can apply for the Supported Living Allowance. This would replace the Child Disability Allowance and helps to cover a multitude of programs and needs the teenager may have. Similarly, parents should approach WINZ to apply for this allowance.

If you would like support with this you can contact Cloud 9 Children's Foundation  
Tel. (04) 232 4795

Email: [admin@cloud9foundation.co.nz](mailto:admin@cloud9foundation.co.nz) Web: [www.withyoueverystepoftheway.com](http://www.withyoueverystepoftheway.com)

"Hurihia to aroaro ki te ra  
tukuna to atarangi kia taka ki  
muri i a koe."



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*Ngaio Fine Arts -  
Michael Moore Exhibition*

Michael Moore, painter, is opening his exhibition of new and recent paintings at the Ngaio Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition runs from Sunday 18 October until 7 November 2015. Michael has a personal interest in Kimi Ora School and he, along with the gallery are happy to support the continuing work Kimi Ora School offers with a donation of 10% of the retail value of all paintings sold from the exhibition. This will go toward our next project of purchasing a school van to enable our students to have a greater chance to attend events in the community. A special preview is being held on Sunday 18 October at 3pm at 53B Ottawa Road, Ngaio. Light refreshments will be served. A brochure is attached.



**WELCOME**



Welcome to Ya and her family. Ya has joined us from Lyall Bay School and is in Kowhai Class. Many of the Evans Bay Intermediate students know Ya from their days at Lyall Bay, so it has been lovely for Ya to be able to hang out with them again.