



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER – May 2018

Kia Ora Koutou Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to term 2!

It's hard to believe that the first term flew by so quickly. We hope that you enjoyed some relaxing time with your children over the term break and are ready for the cooler, darker days coming our way.

For those families who have recently joined Woodstock, including our new entrants over the first term, we welcome you to the Woodstock family.

This is your Board's first newsletter of 2018.

Who are your Board?

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EnviroSchools and Working Bee

It was wonderful to witness the award of Green Gold from EnviroSchools at the end of last term. The children have been working hard towards this goal and it is a significant achievement for our little school.

Concepts of sustainability and care for the environment will influence their lives and, hopefully, foster their commitment to a better, cleaner world in the future.

Thanks to all the parents and families who came to the recent Working Bee. Progress with larger projects is so much faster with many willing hands! And it is so satisfying for the children to contribute (with their teachers and families) to improvements at their school.

Finally, the Board wishes to acknowledge, again, the dedication and leadership of Miss Mac with the EnviroSchools project. Woodstock values your passion!

Funding Thanks

The Board wishes to acknowledge the following grants that the school has received:

- Our local Lions Club - a grant of \$5,000.00 for a sensory room for our CEU classroom;
- Lion Foundation – a grant of \$4,915.00 and
- Trust Waikato – a grant of \$3,600.00 both towards our swimming pool renovation
- Grassroots Trust – a grant of \$4,000.00 to run our Kelly Sports swimming programme in the first term.
- Trillian Trust – a total grant of \$7,549.90 towards two interactive display units and a voice reinforcement unit for our classrooms.

Our school relies on grant funding for many of our 'extras' like the turf, the playground and technology in the classrooms. We are very grateful to the trusts that generously support us.

We hope your children enjoyed the resurfaced pool and the new ladders and cover. We are hoping to raise further funds to lay turf around the pool area before next swimming season.

Maintenance update

The Board is pleased to have approved funding for re-carpeting the classrooms. It's a constant juggle to allocate our funding and this decision will positively impact all the children and classroom teachers. It is hoped that the work will take place over the July term break.

We are also in the early stages of planning an upgrade of the outdoor area around Rooms 7, 8 & 9. Parents and caregivers will agree that this area is in need of some attention. We will keep you all updated with the plans.

Have a great Term 2!