

St Brigid's School - Board of Trustees End of Year News 2017

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, the BOT would like to say a big thank you to Linda, all the staff and community for all your hard work for St Brigid's during 2017. In particular, we note:

Student achievement

The BOT has been presented with information on student achievement throughout the year. The results have been very pleasing and show that the majority of our children have satisfactorily progressed throughout the year and continue to achieve very positive results. Our results also continue to compare very favourably to national averages. For those children who find learning a challenge, we have seen the continued use of specialist learning programmes, and our teacher aides working alongside individual children and targeted groups.

Property

It is really pleasing to see that the refurbishment of all of our classrooms in recent years is now complete. The remodelling of Rooms 6 and 7 was completed early in the year, the carpets were replaced in rooms 11, 12 and 13, and the Room 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 windows have all been replaced. We also have a new shed and sandpit. The outside of the junior block will be painted over the school holidays and next year we will be focusing on more upgrades to the playground areas. We are very grateful to the Friends and Family Fundraising Team and to the Catholic Schools Board for their contributions to these property projects.

Fundraising

The Friends and Family Fundraising Team has once again done an amazing job organising fundraising events, in particular the school fair which raised \$22k. We are especially grateful to Tracey Robins who has organised and ran the school fair for a number of years.

External Reviews

The Catholic Schools Education Office carried out a Catholic Special Character Review of our school in May. The resulting report was very positive affirming that Catholic spirituality is evident in all the school's activities.

The Education Review Office (ERO) will carry out a review of our school in February 2018 which Linda and our senior teachers are already working on.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to all those families who took the time to complete the 2017 parent survey, and attend the recent Pasifika Fanau Fono and Maori Whanau Hui. We will be incorporating comments and ideas from these into the annual plan for 2018.

Board members

At our final board meeting last week, we fare-welled Chris Leatham and Noel Miranda. Chris has been on the Board for 7 and 1/2 years (5 years as Chairperson) and Noel for 3 and 1/2 years. We will miss both Chris's and Noel's knowledge and experience, and are very grateful to both for their hard work and efforts over the years.

There are so many other amazing things that have been achieved by our students and staff over the school year, and we look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2018. In the meantime, we wish all our school families a safe and happy Christmas.
