



Dear Parents & Caregivers

The Jamestown Story: The Board would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our staff, children and parents that made the recent school production such a great success. Lead by Jackie Brady and Kim Voigt and supported by a huge team of teachers and parents our senior students had a great opportunity to experience what it is like to be part of a quality musical production.

To put on such a quality performance called for significant commitment of time and enthusiasm for everyone involved. As parents we were all so impressed with the way our children were able to perform, from the fabulous choir that sat still every night and sang so beautifully, to the children who had just a few lines to deliver, right through to the major characters that were asked to sing and dance as well as remember all of their lines.

School productions always call for a huge commitment from everyone involved. When they are done well there are huge benefits for students in terms of their self confidence and willingness to try new things. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing how our students involvement in the production will continue to benefit their academic and personal development.

Currently our school is still required to deliver a broad curriculum which includes Drama, Dance and Music. One of the strengths of the New Zealand curriculum is this broadness of our curriculum and our children will be the poorer if they do not have opportunities to explore their creative and artistic skills and talents.

Finally the Board would like to thank Waiuku College for making their hall and facilities available and to our teachers for supporting their students and the production team to put on a performance that made all of us very proud to say that we are associated with Sandspit Road School.



The Board of Trustees

Farewell to Board member Hoani Cooper:

At this month's board meeting the Board said farewell to Hoani Cooper. Hoani and his family are relocating to Invercargill. The school had the opportunity to farewell Hoani, Brenda and their children on Friday and acknowledge both Hoani and Brenda for their work as a Board member, staff member, for their contribution to the Kapa Haka group and to our school in so many ways. The Board would like to also add their thanks to Hoani for his work on the Board of Trustees and for all of his efforts to ensure decisions made by the Board were always well considered and ensured good outcomes for our students.

Replacement of Hoani Cooper on the Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10 percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to: Megan Lamont, Board of Trustees, Sandspit Road School, 60 Sandspit Road, Waiuku by 24th September 2010.

Dental Clinic at Sandspit Road School: The Board received a report from our Principal about how Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) plan to deliver dental care for our children. Graeme received a briefing at last week's Franklin Principal's meeting from a representative from CMDHB and a representative from Auckland Regional Dental Services.

In summary the CMDHB are moving ahead with their plan to redevelop the current dental clinic at View Road School to be able to accommodate 2 chairs and a dental assistant (Resource Consent has been granted for this already).

The Sandspit Road School clinic is scheduled to be closed 2011-2012.

From the time of closure the Sandspit Road School children will be assessed in a Transportable Dental Unit (TDU) that will be on site for 4 weeks each year. The TDU will assess all students with those students needing treatment being required to make appointments to visit the View Road Clinic for treatment to be carried out.

The CMDHB is anticipating the View Road Clinic will be open for extended hours including weekends and late nights to make appointment times more convenient for parents.

As a Board we will be engaging with CMDHB to see how we might be able to keep our dental clinic open and delivering dental care and treatment to our children at the level that they currently enjoy.

We will keep you informed of all developments.

Board of Trustees.

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