

Tena koe Wilford school whānau

It was great to meet some of our new students and families to Wilford School at our school picnic last night. Well done to our kapa haka and Pasifika groups who performed last night. Ngā mihi, thank you to our Pasifika group, Te Ropū Teaki Whānau, and PTA for organising a fantastic night. We look forward to many more community events.

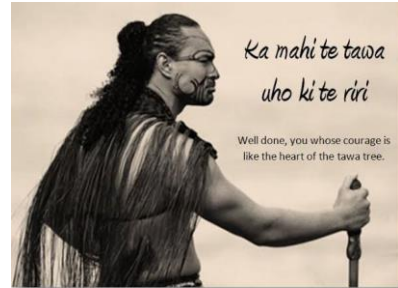
Introducing the new Chair

At the board's last meeting I (Ced) indicated to my colleagues that I thought it was time to step down as Chair after almost nine years in the role. It has been a privilege to serve the Wilford School community as Chair. Although we have had our challenges, I believe we are developing a strong community school based on shared values (Ako Tahi Tātou) and a clear commitment to each child's right to education. I will continue as a trustee at least until the trustee election on 13 June.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that the Board elected Emeli Sione to take my place. Elected to the board in 2016, Emeli has three children at Wilford, has a professional background in educational publishing and project management, and an MA in education, specialising in literacy development and bilingualism. She brings a passion and strong belief in the right to education of every child.

From the new Chair

Acknowledgment



The Board and Wilford School would like to acknowledge and thank Ced Simpson for his eight and half years of service as Chair and trustee on the Board, his time committed to the school, and being an advocate for Wilford School in our wider community. Ced will remain on the board as a parent trustee until the next board has been elected in June. Fakaauē lahi mahaki. Oue tolou.

My appointment as the new Chair marks an important milestone and occasion for Wilford School. I am not only the first woman chair but the first chair of Pasifika descent. I am very excited and look forward to the new challenge and serving our school and community as board chair.

What has happened so far?

- In December 2018, our board met with ERO. Some good things came out of this meeting but there are some areas of work we still need to work on. Our next meeting with ERO will be in the middle of the year.
- Our Enrolment scheme took effect on 11 February 2019. Thank you for your feedback and if you have not received a response or have any questions, please contact our Principal, Neil Sargisson or Board Chair, Emeli Sione.
- Our Board had its first meeting of 2019 on Monday 18 February. Trustees approved the school's 2019.

2019 Charter

We have submitted our 2019 Charter to the Ministry of Education for approval. The Charter builds on school discussions and the Board's thinking over recent years, and takes into account last year's stakeholder feedback from students, whanau and teachers. The Charter is available on the school's website, and the strategy map that summarises it is over the page. If you would like a hard copy please see Linda or Donna at the office.

Goals for the year

The Board together with our Executive team and staff will work together to achieve our 3 main strategic goals set out in the Charter for 2019.

- 1. Quality teaching and learning:** developing a more coherent professional culture, based on inquiry, reflection and review, strong reciprocal relationships and responsiveness to the cultural context of our students, in order to ensure learning success for every student.
- 2. Strong community engagement:** is essential to supporting quality teaching and learning to build strong relationships. This will enable community voice to be apparent in our programmes, recognising the diversity of our community. There is a wealth of resources in our local and wider community that can be utilised to support teaching and learning.
- 3. Quality leadership:** is essential to ensure the success and achievement of our school vision, strategic goals and to support all students being successful learners. This is not only the board, principal and senior leadership team, but includes all staff that have individual and collective leadership responsibilities.

The Board is committed to working with the Executive team, staff, students, and community to achieve our strategic goals. Throughout the year, the board will keep you updated on our progress against these goals.

Board of Trustees Elections 2019

Ever thought of being a board of trustee? Go along to the NZSTA's Korari Programme hui to find out more about being a trustee on a school board. Some of Wilford School trustees will be there to talk about their experience as trustees and answer any questions. Attached is a flyer with further details. You are also more than welcome to contact either the Chair or any of our board trustees and speak with them.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on emelisione@wilford.school.nz

Ngā mihi
Emeli Sione
Chair

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Wilford School strategy 2019 -21: Ako Tahi Tātou

