

Update September 2017

Kia ora whanau

New trustee

We are delighted to welcome Kaapua Smith to the Board as a parent trustee. Last month the Board selected Kaapua to replace Edward Cox, having received no objections to the selection process.

Review & planning

At the beginning of next term the Board will be convening a number of focus groups for whānau, students and staff, followed by surveys, to identify what is working well, what we could do better as a school, and what should be considered in our planning for 2018-20.

This annual feedback is essential for the Board to do its job, and we look forward to learning your thoughts.

Policies

At this week's meeting the Board adopted the *Equity* policy that had been posted for consultation. All policies are posted on the web at <http://wilford.schooldocs.co.nz> (logon=wilford in both fields) and are available at the Office.

Trustees conference

Four trustees participated in July's annual conference of the NZ School Trustees Association. The conference is one of a range of ways in which trustees learn more about their role and responsibilities.

Ced Simpson (Chair)

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Kia ora,

My name is Kaapua Smith, my iwi are Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Awa, and I am mum to Niwa in Room 5, and Te Haanea who came through Ngā Puawai, Ngā Rangatahi and is now at High School. I put my hand up to join the Board because I'm passionate about our kids education, and want to play a part in raising educational achievement, supporting a strong learning environment, and encouraging/growing the diversity and culture of our school. I have a background in research, policy and communications, and am currently working at Contact Energy as Head of Sustainability. I have a particular passion for community and Maori development, as well as environmental and social sustainability. I look forward to supporting our whanau, our kids, and our kura.

*Ngā mihi,
Nā Kaapua*

Trustees: Ced Simpson (Chair), Emeli Sione, Kaapua Smith, Neil Sargisson (principal), Nick Edwards, Sarah Mataiti, Vaughan Smith (staff-elected)