

2 February 2018

## From the Trustees

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to a new school year, which we start with a larger roll than we've had for some years, and some significant staffing changes.

We hope you enjoyed (and survived) the warm summer!

## ERO visit

Next week an Education Review Office (ERO) team will be conducting an on-site review of our school. In its last review (2015) ERO recommended that the school accelerate progress on strengthening professional leadership, improving literacy and numeracy of every child, and redeveloping our Te Reo immersion unit, Ngā Puawai.

We have made significant improvements since the last review and we are looking forward to sharing our progress and developments with the ERO team next week.

## Ministry support

In late 2016 the Board approached the Ministry of Education for specialised support in meeting its aspirations for the education of tamariki at Wilford. Keriana Tawhiwhirangi was appointed as a "limited statutory manager". Keriana has resigned to take up an appointment with Ngāi Tahu, and has been replaced by Pete Pointon, former principal of Seatoun School (and a former deputy Principal at Wilford!). We look forward to Pete's support in 2018.

## Feedback

The Board conducted its annual stakeholder surveys of children, whānau and staff towards the end of 2017. The feedback showed strong general support for how we are doing at Wilford, but with some areas warranting special focus in 2018. We'll give a clear picture of our findings in next week's newsletter.

We welcome feedback on any aspect of the school. Please raise any concern with the relevant teacher, principal, or the Board – in that order – at any time. Our complaints procedure is outlined, alongside other policies and procedures, at <http://wilford.schooldocs.co.nz> (logon=wilford in both fields), or available at the Office.

## Trustee vacancy

One trustee, out of our board team of seven, is elected by staff. There will be an election on 9 March to replace Vaughan Smith, who resigned at the end of last year.

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