



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

'Together we Learn and Care'

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From the Board of Trustees

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

The first school term is in full swing and began with our first board meeting for the year last week - it is clear that another busy year looms. A warm welcome to all new families to Good Shepherd School!

We got underway quickly with a number of items on our agenda including the approval of the Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 and the Annual Plan 2019 for submission to the Ministry of Education this month. These documents outline the plans and set the direction of the school – we are very confident with how we continue to advance the initiatives that have been developed. Mrs Hahn presented data that again demonstrates that children at our school continue to achieve very well. Details of these achievements and targets for this year will be submitted to the Ministry also this month.

The school received a very positive letter from Philip Mahoney, Manager Catholic Education Services of the Auckland Diocese, for our 2018 Annual Proprietor's Trustees' Report. We would like to acknowledge the staff for their ongoing commitment to the Catholic education of our children – and this was celebrated along with many other teachers from Catholic schools in the Diocese last week at the annual Dedication Mass. Good Shepherd School was well represented.

Many of you will be aware of the Ministry of Education's Taskforce review of Tomorrow's Schools. A public consultation process is underway and the Good Shepherd Board is currently considering what the possible impacts would be for our school. We intend to make a submission on the recommendations before the closing date on 7 April. We will keep parents informed of our progress.

We are excited to announce that work will get underway for our new resilience course, better known as the 'Fitness Trail' in the next 2-3 weeks. Considerable planning has gone into this much anticipated addition to our playground and has had input from staff, parents, board and most importantly, our students! We are extremely proud of the combined efforts of all. Most importantly, we thank our community for their wonderful support through our school fair which has funded the project. Planning is already underway for this year's school fair and we look forward to announcing more details soon.

Finally, we farewell Mrs Kathryn Twort in the office. Kathryn has been the board secretary for over five years and has been a highly valued and respected member of our team. Her smooth efficiency, effortless organisation and wonderful sense of humour will be greatly missed. Aroha nui Kathryn.

Nga mihi

Katherine McGillivray
Chairperson

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