



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

## BOT Mid-Year Newsletter

### *Board of Trustees Newsletter June 2021*

*Tena koutou katoa,*

*I wanted to give a brief update to the community on what the Board of Trustees has been doing so far this year.*

*The first term was busy building the new Board. Kelly Williams and Georgie Ferrari were elected at the very end of last year, and then Mike Brough and Vanessa Smith we're selected to fill the vacancies at the start of the year I'd like to also thank everyone who offered to join the Board at the beginning of the year. It was great to have so much interest from the community.*

*The new Board has been working hard to get up to speed with the task of Governance, and preparing for the mahi ahead. Georgie has taken on the role of Treasurer and Mike is going to oversee Property developments. It has been a great start and I'd like to thank all the Board members for their enthusiasm and energy. I'd also like to thank Emily Faith who has joined the team as Secretary. This allows the Board to function more efficiently, giving the Board members the ability to all contribute to the discussion, and also will make the minutes far more comprehensive reading. The minutes are on the school website for all to read.*

*We started the year by finalising the annual plan that focusses on self-regulation and learner qualities for lifelong learning.*

*You can find this on our Website - [Policies and Publications](#)*

*A big focus so far this year has been staff well-being. Following on from a 2020 survey the Board ran a full staff workshop to help develop a hauora plan. Thanks to all the staff for their time and energy to work together on this.*

*In term two we've been focussing on the future roll of the school. Like many schools in the south coast we're having a roll decrease and this has implications to staffing, and property development. We've met with a rep from the Ministry of Education to discuss the future of the area. As a result of these discussions the school opened the roll to accept tamariki from outside the zone. This is not the first time we've done this, and we're not the only school in the area doing it but fingers crossed it will help us navigate the role fluctuations.*

*Coming up this year there will be some work done on the buildings at school as well as structural work on the concrete bank under the top path. We will give updates to these projects as we get more information from the Ministry of Education.*

*If you are interested the next Board meeting is June 21st, at 7pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome to come along.*

*Finally, thanks to our great team of educators, our senior leadership team, our team leaders, our teachers, and our support staff, for the inspiring mahi and dedication to our children.*

*Thanks!*

*Nga mihi nui,*

*Bret McKenzie*

*Presiding Member of the Board*