

News from the Board July 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

It was great to see everyone back for Term 3, and to see so many prospective parents and students come along to our recent open night. It is wonderful to have such a lively and busy college with our ākongā involved in a range of academic, sporting, service and arts and cultural activities. Recent highlights for me include attending our Arts and Culture Night, FiaFia night, and Showquest and being able to watch Lototaha on stage at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North at Pasifika Fusion. I appreciate the many hours of practice and time that go into performing at events such as these. A huge thank you to all our parents, teaching and support staff for the hours given to provide our students with these opportunities to flourish across all our pillars (academic, sport, arts and culture and service).

During Term 2 the board continued its review of policies, focussing on health and safety and curriculum. We will be consulting with staff, students, parents, iwi and community over the next two terms as we seek to develop a new strategic plan in line with the Ministry of Education's changes to reporting and planning. As part of our consultation we spoke with prefects at our last board meeting and their thoughts and ideas will also help feed into our 2023 Strategic Plan.

We were delighted to co-opt Dr Manuila Tausi as a member of our board at our last meeting. We are very aware our board should reflect the diversity of the school community, so it is great to have Dr Tausi, a school parent and member of Levin's Pasifika community join our team, and we look forward to his contribution.

A focus for Term 2, particularly for board members in the property and finance sub-committees was the development of plans to refurbish the school canteen to provide healthy and delicious lunches to our students. Our thanks to the team of staff who have been involved in developing this, particularly our Campus Manager Jono Johnston, Mrs Searle and our new catering staff. It is wonderful to see lunches prepared on-site, and we really hope our students will enjoy the new menu of foods.

We look forward to continuing to grow successful young adults in Term 3!

Ngā mihi



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