



Reports to the  
Board of Trustees

Meeting  
21 August 2017

## Principal's Report

### Curriculum

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 1

We have held our annual school speech finals. Eight finalists from across the school presented their speeches. All finalists presented their speeches with confidence.

On Friday, 28 July our school held the annual Cross Country. It went well with the top 10 and earning themselves a spot in the Interschool Cross Country team,

We were unplaced at the North Shore Mathex but the teams had a great morning, scoring better than last year. Our thanks to Yvonne Walus for giving the team training sessions.

We have a new exhibition in the Art Gallery. For the next 3 weeks we are exhibiting student artworks that were created during the first two terms of this year.

Mrs Creek has come up with a wonderful new board game for James Shum's Dilemma. This social studies Quest looks at a young Chinese gold miner coming to New Zealand in 1873. Our students need to research life in China and life on the Otago gold fields during the 19th Century. The game Mrs Creek has designed helps reinforce the problems faced and the choices made by these young men and their families. We use this Quest to develop our students ability to compare and contrast and make a well founded judgement. Mrs Creek's class were the first to play the game and they tell me that it helps them understand the problems faced by people in the 19th Century and it is fun to play.



This year's school science fair has been very successful. The standard of the competition was high with students investigating a wide range of scientific questions. 40 investigations went through for judging. The Supreme Winner of this year's Science Fair was Otomar R14 with his entry entitled 'Beam me up Scotty'. Otomar has won this event twice. This year we have added awards for technology, best logbook, best data collection/analysis and gold, silver and bronze enamel badges to acknowledge the large number of students striving for excellence.

Our chess team competed in the North Shore Chess Zone Day tournament. Our cross country team competed at the North Shore Interschool Cross Country at Sanders Reserve.

The Science Roadshow visited our school. After their presentation, students were encouraged to roam around the hall looking at and trying their interesting science experiments and investigations.

### **Documentation and Self Review**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 2

#### Policy Review

Policies from last meeting for confirmation

- Harassment Policy
- Health and Physical Education Policy
- Healthy and Safe Working Environment Policy
- Homework Policy
- International Student Programme Policy

Please read the following policies and be ready to comment at our next meeting.

- Internet Safety Policy
- Library Policy
- Mathematics Policy
- Online Publication of Student Images and Work Policy
- Outstanding Achievements Policy

These policies can be read online at [www.bis.school.nz](http://www.bis.school.nz)

## **Personnel**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 3

Roll Number - 389

Mrs Stewart has resigned her position as Principal's Secretary. We are presently looking for a replacement.

Mr Sides has attended a two class course 'Solutions Focus Master Class', provided by Growth Coaching NZ in partnership with the Education Group at the Waipuna Conference Centre. This workshop was an extension to his previously attended workshop 'Introduction to Leadership Coaching' workshop. The outcome of this workshop was to demonstrate an alternative set of processes to the "GROWTH" coaching and mentoring model. In doing so, this workshop has helped him develop a greater skill set for when he is asked to support, coach or mentor individual(s) or group(s) with a specific problem(s).

### *Community Relations*

Our community has donated the \$11,837.50 to our annual 40 Hour Famine appeal. This money is to be used to give four classrooms to the children of Syria.

Our school's office was open on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 August from 8:00am to 7:00pm for enrolments.

## **Finance and Property**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 4

### *Property*

Over the holiday, work began on a green room for the Goodwin Theatre. The green room is a place actors can wait before they are called on to the stage. When this is completed we will be a major step closer to holding our annual production in the theatre. We still need funding for sound and lighting but the new green room is a major step towards our goal. This work should be completed by 18th of September. A more detailed report will be available at our meeting for those interested.



Work has been completed in renovating Room 9's toilets to bring them up to the standard of the others in the school.

Ramps for wheelchair access to future proof the school have been completed in Weka and Kiwi. Tui Team is already wheelchair friendly. Kereru will be completed in the next school holidays. During these holidays a wheelchair lift will be fitted to the stage, a movable bench fitted in the food technology room and a ramp built down to the field.



Three new large shade trees have been planted lining the path at the lower entrance to our school grounds. This work has included drainage and replacing of a number of hedge plants lining our car park. The work is now completed.



## *Finance*

See attached reports.

## **Health and Safety**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 5

Nil

## **Legislative Requirements**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 6

Nil