

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) UPDATE:

First meeting of the new board

We had our first meeting on Tuesday 25th May as a new board. We have a great mix of personalities, experience and expertise and are looking forward to working together. This board is aware that the school is facing a number of challenges, and the trustees are keen to address these issues and work effectively to lift our performance.

We are fortunate to have Adrienne Rossiter, Limited Statutory Manager, working with us as she has a wealth of knowledge and experience. Adrienne has finished her scoping phase and has applied to the Ministry for financial assistance to cover her fees.

Congratulations to Carol McKenzie Rex who was unanimously voted in as Board Chair. Other board of trustees' roles and responsibilities are:

Finance	Alastair Hulbert
Personnel	Kerry Williams
Communication	Caroline Walsh
Property	Emma Frizzell

Board members will be meeting with all the staff on Friday.

Thank you to the ASB for the generous donation of 10 computers to the school and thanks also to the CSS for their continued support and tireless fundraising. Their work is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the out-going trustees

A huge thank you to our out-going trustees for their hard work: Ray Tilling, Laurie Beamish and Karen Davies. Being a school trustee is a great privilege, but it is also a role that can take quite a bit of time and commitment, so the efforts and contributions of our former trustees are appreciatively acknowledged.

Education Review Office visit

The ERO team was in the school from May 20th – 25th.

Education Reviews focus on school improvement, and ERO reports are designed to make it easier for schools to see what they are doing well, where they need to improve and what they should do next.

The process involves ERO interviewing, observing and gathering information from a range of school personnel. The team thanked our staff for their time during this process and has given the board their initial findings. Their draft will be presented in approximately one month. The final report will be available to the school community in approximately two months and will be published on ERO's

website and the Clevedon School website. We will ensure everyone is notified when the ERO report becomes available.

Teacher-only day

2nd August has been approved as a Teacher-only day for professional development with Martin Renton. This full day seminar will cover inquiry-led learning strategies.

Further elections for Clevedon School

The board has made arrangements to elect its vacant (18 month) position. Also, in order to strengthen the board and enable opportunity for new ideas, skills and enthusiasm, it has been decided to increase the number of parent-elected board members back up to 5 (from 4), and this additional full-term (3 year) position will be polled in the forthcoming election as well.

The Returning Officer who ran the recent elections has agreed to administer these further elections. He will run elections for the two different positions concurrently, with separate nomination forms and voting papers – but these will be posted out to parents together and can be returned together in the same envelope.

If you did not receive nomination or voting papers in the last election, it would be great if you could update your contact details with the school office.

Start thinking about whether YOU might run for the board of trustees, and if your preferred involvement would be for 18 months or 3 years. As a trustee you will contribute to the direction, priorities, achievement and character of the school.

The election timeline is:

Promoting nominations – from 2 June

Closing nominations – 25 June

Voting papers distributed – by 30 June

Last day of Term Two – 2 July

Voting day/poll closes – 9 July (it will be a postal ballot only)

Votes are counted – 15 July (six days after voting closes)

New board members take office – 16 July

First day of Term Three – 19 July

View board minutes and please feel free to contact us:

You may view the BOT minutes, newsletters and notices on the school website - use the following link: <http://www.clevedonschool.co.nz/WebSpace/124/>

If you would like to contact any of the board members our contact details are also in the school website <http://www.clevedonschool.co.nz/WebSpace/12/>