

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR – 2019

2019 has been a very settled year for both students and staff, with many rich learning experiences made available to all.

Barbara McLean took on the role of leading our senior Kanuka class as well as mentoring Edel Kelly, our beginning teacher working in Tarata. Di Officer continues to lead the school in the role of Principal and teach new entrants and juniors in Harakeke. All of whom have done a wonderful job and who have been supported by fantastic teacher aides and support staff throughout the year. Thank you to all on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs Esther Kilgour remained on maternity leave for 2019 but chose to resign from her permanent position in Kanuka during term 3 when the Board turned down a request for further leave without pay. This has given Mrs Kilgour the opportunity to remain close to her growing family and potentially continue her teaching career in the Kaikoura area. We thank Mrs Kilgour for her many years of teaching service at Waipara School, her unwavering support of our school, staff and families and in particular her kind words in her letter of resignation. We wish you all the best for the future Esther.

2020 sees Mrs Barbara McLean reverting back to her support and mentoring role, Miss Edel Kelly taking on the permanent teaching position within the senior Kanuka class, Miss Emma Martin teaching our Year 4, 5 and 6 students in Tarata and Miss Di Officer continuing her work with our junior students in Harakeke. A big welcome to Emma Martin who is joining the staff on a fixed term contract.

The children of Waipara School are constantly the focus of targeted programmes where needed.

Throughout the year the BOT was supportive of staff involvement in PLD and the school has engaged in the Tipu Maia Community of Learning.

We provide support to our staff in line with Employer responsibility policies.

Professional development is an ongoing work in progress for BOT members.

2019 also saw the completion in Term Four of the demolition and rebuilding of our swimming pool changing sheds, in time to be open for our summer swimming season. Thanks to all who were involved with this project.

A huge thank you to the staff, PTA, parents and greater community for their efforts and support over the past year.

Looking forward to the achievements of 2020.

Victoria McGuckin
Board Chair, Waipara School Board of Trustees