



Edendale
Primary School

26 September 2019

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Here we are at the end of Term 3, which has been another busy term full of wonderful highlights.

Charter Review 2019:

The Board has been working on setting the school's strategic direction since the start of the year. This is where we set the future vision for the school and it allows us to monitor our progress against its targets. It's vital to include the voice of the community in this process and we are very grateful to the huge number of parents who took time to share wonderful insights and thoughtful discussion at both the school picnic in Term 1 and the disco in Term 2. We worked with a consultant, Mary Chamberlain, who has helped us to come up with the following vision, mission and values for the school. This along with the strategic goals will be ratified at the next Board of Trustees hui in Term 4.



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Thinking - Learning - Creating

Vision

Confident, creative, open-minded contributors to our community.

Mission

We are committed to providing a school where we

- *think, learn and create in a fun, friendly, inclusive environment with strong community connections*
- *grow curious, excited lifelong learners*
- *experience a breadth of learning opportunities including environmental sustainability and the arts*

Values

We encourage, demonstrate and explore the following values:

- **Innovation** which involves being curious, thinking critically and creatively
- **Resilience** which involves a sense of purpose, perseverance and a 'can do' attitude
- **Inclusiveness** and diversity as found in our different identities, languages, cultures and abilities
- **Respect** which involves acting with kindness and integrity towards self, others and the environment.

ERO [Education Review Office] visit:

We had a really successful visit from the ERO team in August with the Board attending two meetings with the reviewers. The first meeting was to hear what sort of things ERO would be looking for and why, and the second, at the end of the week, was to get an idea of what they found.

We have just received the draft report and while we will share the final report with you next term there are a couple of highlights we can share. Particular note was made of the 'settled supportive learning environments', and 'respectful teacher-student relationships' at Edendale while credit was also given to the Board and senior leaders' 'clear sense of purpose and direction', and the senior leaders' and teachers' commitment to building reciprocal learner-centred relationships'.

Funding to schools:

You may have read in the news that the Government is offering schools in the decile 1-7 range the option to opt in to receive \$150 per student per year which will replace school donations. Our initial calculations indicate there will be a shortfall if we take the government funding so we are working through the pros and cons at the moment.

Schools receive money from various different pools of funding depending on their purpose. There is operational funding, salary funding for teachers, and property funding. Operational funding is the financial resources received by the Board of Trustees from the Government and is used for running the day to day operations of schools. The new policy of the \$150 per student will be paid out as part of the January operational funding instalment.

Schools have traditionally requested donations from families as well as stationery fees, activity fees and camp fees to enable students to enjoy a broad variety of activities and enriching extras to the school curriculum.

On top of that, there is the invaluable work done by the dedicated mums, dads and teacher reps who make up the Friends of Edendale team, or PTA. They volunteer their time to organise events such as the school disco and quiz night to fundraise for extra resources that the students and school may not otherwise be able to enjoy.

While the Board of Trustees and the PTA have very different roles within the school there is often consultation between the two when working out where best to deploy those extra funds/resources.

Contact:

To get in touch with the Board of Trustees please use the following email:
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Next meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 29 October at 5.30pm.
All welcome to attend.

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Board of Trustees