



**Edendale**  
Primary School

8 July, 2021

## TERM 2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Edendale.

We've made it past the halfway mark of 2021 and while the temperatures are low, we're sure spirits are high as we head into a much-anticipated two week break! While we avoided any lockdowns in our part of the country this term, we did have a slight scare with Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington showing how important it is for us all to stay vigilant and get tested if you have any symptoms.

### Board changes

At the beginning of this term we said farewell to Ben Hasler who resigned from the Board after five years of hard mahi. Ben has been an amazing contributor over those five years and while we will miss his presence at our hui we wish him well in all of his future endeavours.

As you will have seen in the school newsletter, we are looking to fill two vacancies for parent trustees with a by-election on 11 August. We would particularly encourage those with a leaning towards finance, whānau engagement and/or building management to consider putting themselves forward.

We are filling vacancies now which will take us up to the standard three year (triennial) elections in June 2022. We would hope that candidates applying now would stand again at the Board triennial election to ensure continuity on the Board.

Our Board team is made up of a fantastic bunch of dedicated and enthusiastic people who are passionate about serving our Edendale learners in the best way possible – so come and join us!

Please put your nomination forward online to stand for one of the two Board vacancies at [www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination](http://www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination) or ask for a nomination form at the office.

Please include a written statement about yourself and a digital passport sized photograph. Nominations close on Friday 9 July.

**By-election timeline:**

Friday, 18 June	Call for nominations
Friday, 9 July	Nominations close
Wednesday, 14 July	Voting papers distributed
Wednesday, 11 August	Election Day (voting closes)
Tuesday, 17 August	Votes counted
Wednesday, 18 August	Board members take office

**Property**

We have had our Garden to Table project approved by the Ministry of Education now, so we are just working out start dates with our project manager, Watershed, and the construction company, Lisk Projects Ltd and work can soon get under way. As soon as we have firm information we will let you know.

We are also expecting formal confirmation from the Ministry of Education around our swimming pool upgrade to come through imminently. This is also managed by Watershed and the contractor is Grossart Water Solutions. Once that is through we can get started on that project also and we will inform you of dates.

Both of these projects have involved countless meetings between the Board, our project manager, architect, and various contractors over many months so it is very rewarding to get to this point.

**Whānau engagement**

Following on from our Māori hui in Week 10 of Term 1, as reported on in our last Board newsletter, our Board members Annie Ualesi and Stanley Findlay together with Jonathan Ramsay, Jonathan Jackson and Bhairavi Vara, hosted an evening at the end of last term to better understand what's important for Edendale's Pasifika learners and families. Amongst the discussion topics were ways of improving learning outcomes, making stronger connections with the school and each other, and reflecting cultural values, beliefs, practices and wisdoms reflected in the school curriculum. We are grateful to the families who have offered to work with us to create an action plan so that we can put some of these ideas into practice.

**Thank you!**

We'd like to say a special thank you to our amazing PTA for all their efforts this term and to look out for a very special surprise that the children will be greeted with on their return in Term 3. Watch this space....!

**Next term**

We wish you all a safe and happy school holiday and we'll see you all again in Term Three!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00am, held in the meeting room. All are welcome to attend. Please note the new early morning start time!

**Contact:**

Please use the following email to contact the Board chair:  
[board@edendale.school.nz](mailto:board@edendale.school.nz).

We really value and appreciate the feedback and collective support you give to Edendale and the Board.

Ngā mihi nui