

BOARD TALK

A word from the Chair

As we head to the end of another full on term I would like to thank the community for all the feedback we have received, this information/feedback is extremely important to help us set strategic goals and targets for us as a Board and a school to head towards. It is vital that we head forward together as a community and as a school, we need to make sure our Charter reflects the expectations and values of our local community.

Hopefully a lot of our families have been enjoying the pool, with its warm 28 degrees, and making the most of the last of the golden weather before the cold really hits us. I really appreciate the positive feedback I have received about the Board's decision to retain the pool and to make a bigger more family friendly environment.

As you may have heard through out the school we have now got our concept plan, this gives us, as a Board, a clear direction of how to provide the physical facilities for the school. The plan although fairly thorough is not set in concrete. As this is going to print we are working hard on taking the plan to the next stage. We need a bigger space that will be able to contain the entire school role, parents and community, at this stage this is looking at a hall. The next stage for us as a Board is working on funding, finding a person that can bring a more detailed plan of how such a space can work, and how it will fit our schools needs.

I have had some great feedback about the "give me five" program that the PTA team have introduced into the school, as a Board we fully support this and feel that as members of our school community contribute their time into our school this will help revitalise our community, and as a school it means we can make sure we recognise everyone that contributes with their time to make our school a more community based school.

Once again as a Board we are your representatives, and are charged with ensuring that our school is running to the best of its ability. If you have any ideas, or feedback that the Board may find valuable please send us an email at bot@avonhead.school.nz

Regards,
Lewis Preston.



The Board of Trustees

Congratulates

Heather Law in her new role as Assistant Principal

Amanda Rose in her new role as senior teacher of the Y4/5 team

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Lewis Preston was re-elected as the chair of the Board of Trustees

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Eric Buisman was re-elected as the Deputy Chair

Updates



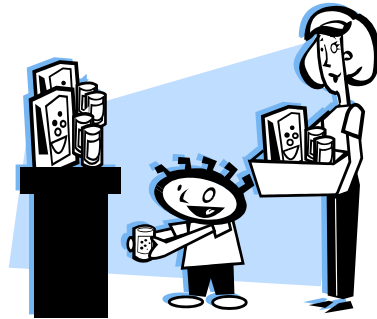
UNIFORMS

Our feedback is that Grasshopper in Fendalton village is working out very conveniently for parents. Thanks for supporting this move and the increased room in the administrative area is obvious!!



AVONHEAD SCHOOL POOL UPDATE

The pool season is in full swing and the uptake from families is very gratifying. The presence of people through the school during weekend also seems to have dampened the graffiti enthusiasts.



Do you have any feedback?

We would like to know how the term - by term payments are for your family. We know there have been some glitches like the payment for Technology but hope the clarification provided has been helpful.



We had a fantastic Jubilee launch. All the students were given a Jubilee badge to wear everyday. The excitement was enormous!

Barbara came to represent the first day pupils and she was absolutely wonderful speaking to the children in the assembly before forming the big 50.

Our assembly was lead by two of our students who did a magnificent job.

Thank you to the Jubilee committee members who came, staff and friends of the school who helped make the launch a success.



This copy of the Board Talk will be translated into Mandarin. The BOT appreciates Jennifer Dong's availability to do this. The intention of translated communications between the school and our parent community is part of the BOT's desire to develop a stronger connection between all of us. You will notice this in our new look website (coming soon) and also with increased visibility of BOT members.

As indicated in the last issue, we hope for every issue to be translated into one of the languages spoken by children at our school. As ever we welcome your feedback on this or any other issue.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

The BOT received 170 responses. Thanks you so much for putting the time and input into your responses. Many of you clearly put a lot of thought into your responses. We appreciate the drawings, the suggestions for logos and your suggestions for improvements. It is also heart warming to note the overall vote of confidence in our dedicated staff! More details soon.