



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE DECEMBER 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Student achievement was the main focus for the last Board of Trustees meeting for 2021, receiving reports and data on the core subjects - maths, writing and reading.

With a number of learning programmes available in all of these core subjects that help learners at all levels, we are seeing good achievement results especially with students who may not achieve initially but are accelerating with the support of these programmes. With more accessible reporting tools, staff will continue to identify and work with students that need extra support in their learning during 2022 to ensure they get access to the right learning programmes they need to achieve.

The Board is very excited with the Write that Essay programme that is being implemented at the start of 2022. Students have already trialled the Writers Toolbox that gives them instant feedback on punctuation, grammar, sentence structure plus so much more. Students are engaged using the toolbox with instant feedback on their writing that enables them to edit and learn as they go, encouraging them to become more skilled writers.

With the initial work completed on the Moanataiari School's Local Curriculum, the Board received its Main Focus Goal Coverage report for its core subjects plus health and physical education, gardening for life, learning languages, the arts, social sciences, technology, science and Aotearoa NZ histories. It is a responsive curriculum that adopts both national curriculum changes and also supports the changing needs of students' learning that is designed for our school and our students.

This term, Moanataiari School students participated in the Zero Waste Education Programme which had a focus on recycling. Five senior students undertook a waste audit of the school's rubbish bins to determine how accurately the waste was being separated to reduce landfill as they were worried about pollution. Their findings were shared with the whole school creating another fantastic learning experience for everyone.

Our garden is one of our school's most valuable assets and learning resources which enables us to run the gardening for life programme. Students are connected, engaged and passionate while learning all the different aspects of gardening - from planting seeds to nurturing plants, growing fresh vegetables for cooking and sharing with our community, to composting and recycling.

We are looking forward to the courtyard, where we hold assemblies, being available for greater use and more fit for purpose with a new roof structure being installed in the new year that will enable that space to be used in all weather conditions. The shade sails currently in place will be able to be used elsewhere.

Thank you to teachers and staff for their efforts and hard work during 2021 which has been greatly appreciated by us all. We welcome back Ms Hinds-Hayes who is returning from maternity leave. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Dines but wish her well and hope to see her at Moanataiari school again in the future.

We wish our Moanataiari whanau a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Stay safe and a friendly reminder to slip, slop and slap this summer.

Ngā mihi
Moanataiari Board of Trustees