



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE JUNE 2022

Kia ora koutou,

We hope everyone had a nice long weekend in honour of the Queen's birthday and the 70th anniversary of the Queen's reign. What an amazing achievement.

Firstly, the Board of Trustees (the Board) acknowledge and thank staff and students for adapting their everyday teaching and learning to accommodate changes needed to cover absenteeism to ensure teaching continues for our students during these challenging COVID times. We acknowledge it is a difficult time for everyone but together we are getting through this with plenty of manaakitanga – caring, manawaroa – grit and determination, and whakaute – respect for each other.

At the end of term 2, Siobhan Flanigan left the Moanataiari School Board after many years of service to the school both as a board member and as the Board Chair.

In a letter to the Board, Siobhan thanked the Board for its efforts and said '*Moanataiari will always have a special spot in my whānau as it has been the place where my three children were given the best foundations for High School and to become young adults. It is the place that has created many laughs, memories and accomplishments for us all.*'

The Board thanks again Siobhan for her extensive mahi on the Moanataiari School Board of Trustees and wishes her and her whānau well for the future.

As previously advised, Lisa Donaldson was appointed the Board Chair at the beginning of term 1. You can find out who your Board representatives are here [Board of Trustees | Moanataiari School](#).

Student Voice Report

At its May meeting, the Board received the results of a student voice survey entitled 'promoting a culture of well-being and learning 2022' undertaken by 60 students that sought input from years 4-8. This aligns with the strategic goal 1 - student engagement on the Board's work plan. Overall, the results were positive with students saying learning at Moanataiari school was fun, with particular interest in Maths, Art, Writers Toolbox and wanting more school educational trips.

Staff will discuss the results further and look at ways to improve learning opportunities at Moanataiari School.

Parents can also play a role too with student learning and wellbeing by ensuring students attend school when well and encourage them to do their best. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to know how you can help your student(s) with their learning and wellbeing.

The Board is also exploring the opportunity of having a student voice representative involved with the Board. As already advised and for your information, the three strategic goals focused on for 2022 are as follows:

1. Student engagement;
2. Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi; and
3. To raise writing levels of achievement.

Speaking of School Trips

Well done to year 6 class who recently visited and walked the Blue Springs Trail in Putaruru as part of their Waihou River studies. It was a fabulous educational day out for both students and whānau who attended. Students were then asked to make a brochure that included 5 main facts, photos and a

description on how the walking trail is maintained. They did such an awesome job Ms Trenwith sent the brochures to the South Waikato District Council. Year 6 were delighted to receive a letter of thanks from Mayor Jenny Shattock QSM who was extremely impressed with the brochures and thought there could be some future South Waikato District Council Parks and Reserves staff in the making.

Fundraising Group

A new fundraising group has been formed after a successful fundraising meeting was held early in term 2 inviting people to attend with their fundraising ideas. It was a positive meeting with some awesome ideas raised.

The top three fundraising priorities which will benefit the students directly are:

- New junior playground;
- School van to transport children to inter school events and activities;
- Local curriculum educational school trips.

Moanataiari School can and will apply for funding where we can, however, any money that can be fundraised ourselves and used as leverage against any funding application sought will be considered favourably by funding boards.

If any parent, grandparent or older sibling is interested in joining the fundraising group, please contact Jo or Julie at the school office by email office@moana.school.nz or by phone 07 868 6504.

Uniforms

At Moanataiari School, there is a uniform policy in place that has the full support of the Board. This is a reminder that all students are required to wear the correct uniform every day (unless when it is advertised a mufti day). The uniform policy can be found on [School Docs | Moanataiari School](#).

Board of Trustee Elections

The Board of Trustee elections will be held in September 2022. The Board is responsible for seven key work areas, which are:

- Development and ongoing review of the school charter;
- Monitoring and reviewing your school's progress;
- Putting in place a policy framework;
- Employing the principal;
- Managing assets;
- Ensuring the school's legal compliance;
- Implementing the National Education Guidelines.

The Board is responsible for showing leadership and taking a strategic view of its work programme, monitoring progress and reporting back on performance and engaging the community as needed.

If you are interested and would like to know more information, NZSTA has a lot of useful information on its website you can explore including this publication:

[A-parents-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees.compressed.pdf \(nzsta.org.nz\)](#).

Nominations open mid-July to 3 August. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for more information – an update on Board elections was included in last Monday's newsletter (30 May).

Student Welfare

If children are sick, parents are asked to please keep them at home to recover before sending them back to school. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of COVID in the community and we want to keep everyone at school as safe as possible.

New Enrolments - our school is open for enrolments from new entrants to year 8. For more information, please contact the school office on 07 868 6504.

Enjoy the rest of term 2 – we are half way through already.

Ngā mihi

Moanataiari Board of Trustees