



Monday 14th August 2023

News from the Board of Trustees

We are already half way through the third term. This year has gone by so fast!

As you can see the remediation progress is moving along. We have finally gotten our hall back, albeit at limited capacity, however we are all working hard to get the upgraded fire system up and running as quickly as possible. This will allow us to finally have full use back during important events for the school and community. The senior block is the current construction zone with minor works happening to ensure a safe and healthy environment for both students and teachers. This is scheduled to be finalised by the end of the term, and will also mean relocating the middle school out of their current spaces and into the vacated spaces of the seniors ready for their block to have work started on it. Be on the lookout for notices asking for help to relocate the classes. Many hands make light work! A lot of movement is going on, so thank you in advance for the support and cooperation we have received during this process. It is not easy for anyone involved. Your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated!

We are also looking forward to our new covered outdoor space being installed. This will be completed in the summer holidays and will extend out from our current hall deck giving us the ability to have outdoor events and protection during the school day as well. It has been a long time in the planning, and a great deal of the money raised during fundraising events over the past few years has been targeted towards this. It will be fantastic to see it finally come to fruition.

What a fantastic event grandparents day was! The amount of support and people who gave their time, not only to come along, but also for the yummy food and set up with organisation of the coinciding book fair as well, was a gigantic undertaking. The day itself was amazing with a huge amount of positive feedback from all who attended. Everyone was so excited about showing all the lovely grandparents the wonderful things they do at school with their work and art. It was great to see the students so proud of their accomplishments, and of their school in general!

The cross country was another great event, we were fortunate to have it go ahead with the mixture of rain and sun we have been having lately. The students were so enthusiastic about the race. Congratulations to all that participated! We are lucky enough to be taking very strong teams to the Inter School Cross Country in a few weeks.

Thanks for all the support we received on the day, it is always wonderful to have the school community there to egg the runners on and encourage them during their laps. We have fantastic support, as always, from the PTA who are continually at all of these events helping with whatever the need may be.

The Board of Trustees are pleased to have provided funding for the new LEGO Spike Prime kits for the senior students. The kits will definitely be well utilised, including during our next inquiry learning topic 'Innovators and Creators' which focuses around our new LEGO education challenge.

Thank you again for your support, not only for the students but the teachers, support staff and other parents as well!

Warmest regards,

Scott Allen - Board Chair

on behalf of the Board of Trustees

News from the PTA

Thank you so much to all parents who helped bake scones for Grandparents Day, they were very well received and the PTA would not have been able to cater the event without you. So thank you.

This term sees some good fundraising events in the calendar. On 29 August the PTA will be providing goodies at the annual Inter School Cross Country. We will again kindly ask parents to bake for the event, and also need parent help on the day to man the stall and BBQ. A note will come out closer to the time asking for help.

We are currently preparing for our annual Disco, to be held Friday 8 September. A flyer will be sent home next week with all the details. Again, parent help handing out food and ice blocks is needed.

The PTA has donated over \$4,000 towards two Airtime basketball hoops. We are planning for these to be installed very soon for the students to enjoy.

The next new parent welcome morning tea will be held in week 2 or 3 of Term 4. If you missed out last time and would like to come along please let us know.

Matakana School PTA