



Monday 21st November 2022

## **News from the Board of Trustees**

### **Move & Groove**

What amazing performances and a fantastic show from all involved, it is wonderful we can have these back on the school schedule after so long! The colour, song choices and enthusiasm really shone through, and it was obvious the students had a blast. When we see the juniors on stage giving it their all and the senior off to the side encouraging with cheers and the same dances, it is very heartwarming. Knowing that everyone is supporting each other and seeing it first hand is wonderful!

Huge thanks to the teachers who organised all the dances, beforehand and after and got everyone involved with this great event. To all the support people behind the scenes, helping with costumes, choreographing dances and ensuring the students and teachers have all the necessary items required for this huge undertaking.

Massive thanks to the support crew who helped prep, supply food, cook and finally serve for the evening. The stalls were rushed off their feet and we heard nothing but great things about the choice and vast selection that was provided. We should really get them doing corporate events and kids parties!

And finally thank you to the Matakana School community who came along and supported their children, we know tickets were limited, it was inspiring for them to see you there. Without the support and help that we receive from you all, these sorts of events wouldn't happen and wouldn't be as successful.

Well done to everyone.

### **School Remediation Process**

We have finally, after many, many years of working behind the scenes, arrived at the final stages of approval for remedial work and alterations to the current classrooms we have.

This has been a long hard slog for all involved, and for that we would like to thank previous board members and property managers over the years. The time taken to get to this point has been significant.

Overall, approximately 75% of the buildings will have work done on them over the 2023 year period. We are hoping to have final approval by the end of this year so construction can start early in the new year.

This will mean disruption to classrooms and students as we relocate people and spaces to accommodate the construction process. We will ensure we alert you to these disruptions prior, as entire blocks will be cordoned off for remedial work. We are working with the contractors to ensure the health and safety of the students and staff is closely monitored. This will fall under strict adherence to Worksafe, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines.

This will also mean disruption to the staff car park, and the Kiss, Drop and Drive zone as the main staff car park will be closed for the contractors work site and storage area. We understand this is an inconvenience, but fortunately we have the community carpark that can be used for all and drop offs during the construction time. School management will endeavour to create an area within the carpark to effectively accommodate morning drop offs.

The work will provide upgraded services to the spaces that our students and staff work in each day. It is important we provide them with these spaces and ensure a healthier and better learning environment for all.

We apologise for any disruption caused and can only ask for you to bear with us during this process as it is necessary.

Warmest regards

**Board of Trustees**

## A note from the PTA

We are looking for new members to join and potentially take over the PTA next year. Please email [pta@matakana.school.nz](mailto:pta@matakana.school.nz) We have all the events set up so it would be an easy takeover. The PTA is a great way to meet new parents and local families.

We are hosting the final Welcome morning tea in 2022 for new parents to the school this week. We look forward to meeting you, and answering any burning questions you might have. You should have received an invitation home with your child last week.

Matakana PTA