

NEWSLETTER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
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TAPU SCHOOL



Farewell to Mr Edwards and Miss Molloy

The BOT gives our best wishes and fond farewells to our principal. Mr Nik Edwards and to the Room 3 teacher, Miss Alanna Molloy.

Mr Edwards is moving to the “Big Smoke” to take up a Deputy Principal position at Chaucer Primary – a bigger (but surely, not better!) school in Auckland. They are lucky to have made the appointment of such an experienced and motivated educator, and we wish him, Fiona and the family all the best. The Edwards family have given their all to Tapu School and community from day one, and we are sure they will make a similar commitment to their new school.

Miss Molloy is heading off on her “OE” – travelling through Europe for a couple of months and then teaching in London. This is very exciting and we are all very jealous of the adventure she is embarking on and hope that she stays in touch through email. We will watch for updates and photos on Facebook!

The community pot luck dinner on the weekend was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came, dressed up, brought delicious food and joined in the festive farewell for our two dedicated and hard working staff members.

Thank you both for all you have done for the students at Tapu School

Welcome to our new principal and teacher.

Mrs Judy Carroll has been appointed principal. She is starting in Term 3 and is looking forward to becoming part of the Tapu School community. Mrs Carroll is currently Principal at a primary school on the Chatham Islands. She has a wealth of experience in all aspects of student learning, including being principal of a sole charge school. We have attached a letter she has written to the students, staff and parents to this newsletter.

Mrs Gillian Askwith, also an experienced teacher, will replace Miss Molloy in Room 3. She will be starting this week.

We are very lucky to be able to welcome these two excellent educators to our school.

A note about staffing for Term 3

As our new Principal, Judy Carroll, has to finish her notice period at Te One School and then move from the Chatham Islands up to Tapu she will not be starting here until 29 August. Therefore, for the first four weeks of Term 3 Greg Pilcher will be Acting Principal. Greg will be doing the administration of the school one day a week (once his release teacher is confirmed we will notify the community as to which day this is) and teaching for four days. It is really important that the teaching days are as interruption free as possible so we respectfully ask that all principal type visits, questions, etc. are either before 8.30am or after 3.30pm or on the administration day. If possible, please contact Kerri in the office and she will be able to book a time for you.

Thank you. Gillian Diprose LSM Tapu School and the Board of Trustees

BOT Projects

This has been a busy and productive year on the Board of Trustees. Here is a summary of some of the things we have been working on

Completion of the Administration Block with formal Opening with children and community

Submission of our revised Charter and Strategic Plan (a copy is attached) plus budget and annual plan.

Community consultation and professional development to meet the requirements of the Ministry and ERO, with the support of Gillian Diprose, our LSM

Development of communication plans and review of policies in particular Complaints and Health and Safety (including Education Outside the Classroom and Bullying)

Implementation of fundraising programme. Great support from parents and staff have meant that we have raised \$2000 for the school this year