

Board Update April 2026

Tēnā koe

As we begin Term 2, which got off to a very wet start, the Board would like to share a brief update on key areas of focus discussed during our final meeting of Term 1. Despite challenging weather in Week 1, it was great to see the school remain open and operating, with many families making the effort to get children to school where possible.

Attendance

We are very pleased to report that attendance across the school has remained strong, with 80% of students attending regularly (more than 90% of the time) in Term 1. This is an excellent result and reflects the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you to our whānau for your continued support, particularly for keeping children at home when they are unwell, which helps maintain a healthy environment for everyone.

Learning Conversations and Communication

Learning conversations have recently taken place, with approximately 90% of students having a parent or caregiver attend. This is a fantastic level of engagement and highlights the value our community places on working together to support student learning.

Feedback from the recent communication survey has also been very positive, with families finding the curriculum information pamphlet helpful in understanding recent changes. The Board will continue to support ongoing refinement of how we communicate, ensuring information remains clear, timely, and accessible for whānau.

Community and Working Bee

It was wonderful to see such strong support at the recent Working Bee, with around 40 parents contributing their time and energy to improve the school grounds. A wide range of tasks were completed, making a noticeable difference to the school environment. These events are a great example of our community working together, and we sincerely thank everyone who was able to be involved.

The Working Bee also provided an opportunity to acknowledge and farewell Tony, our long-serving caretaker. Tony has given many years of dedicated service to the school, taking great pride in maintaining our environment. He will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his significant contribution to our kura.

The Hot Cross Buns fundraiser was also a great success, raising \$395.35. These funds will support the purchase of indoor games, balls for Te Kōhanga, and additional resources for winter and wet-weather play. Given its success, this is likely to become an annual Term 1 fundraiser, alongside other community events planned throughout the year.

Playspace Developments

We are pleased to see continued progress in our school grounds. The first stage of the playspace development was completed in late March and is already having a positive impact. Planting has been completed as part of the recent Working Bee, further enhancing the area. Additional improvements include fresh sand in the sandpit, and the development of a new gravel play space in the Ruru area. Preparation work on the main courts has also begun. The pergola on the main courts is looking great, with a table and seating making this very popular. The fence has been replaced and painted, along the top of the concrete wall that forms the pathway to the PE shed and the lower entrance to the admin area. Further planting has been completed and we are keen to see both children and parents help with looking after our trees and garden areas.

We would like to acknowledge our staff, students, and whānau for the important role they play in our school community. It is through this ongoing partnership that we continue to provide a positive and supportive environment for learning.

Ngā mihi nui,

Helena and Andrea on behalf of the Board