

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES PANUI

Tēna koutou to our #Team Lynmore whānau. Nǐ hǎo, namaste, talofa lava, hallo, mālō e lelei and welcome to the new school year.

Our Board had the first meeting of 2024 on Monday night and it was time to pass the Chairperson mantle. After three terms, **Hancine Samvelyan** has officially stepped back, and **Annamarie Jensen** has taken over as Presiding Member (Chairperson). Hancine will stay on as Deputy Chair which is great for continuity. **Daniel Gibbs** also agreed to continue to Chair our Property and Finance committee, an important sub-committee that helps to oversee the many building projects we manage across our large school. We feel that it's important to have stable governance, especially with so many projects and so many tamariki to support.

Some of our Board were able to welcome in new whanau and staff at the recent whakatau/welcome and wow, we were so impressed with all our tamariki/children! They represented themselves and our school so well and were incredibly well behaved. Watching them gave us shivers! We wanted to take a minute to appreciate our wonderful kaiako/teachers and kaiarahi/support staff for such an incredible start to the year. Our #TeamLynmore staff have had such a positive start and our new staff have hit the ground running! Thank you especially to our amazing Senior Leadership Team who put in so much mahi/work to ensure a smooth beginning to the year.

One of our big objectives at the first meeting was to approve our **Strategic Plan** for the next two years. For those of you who gave feedback last year, including our amazing staff - thank you! A lot of work has gone in to assess everyone's input and ensure we're meeting our obligations to the Ministry of Education. We want to stress that this plan is an evolving one and we will continue to adapt as we need to. Our Strategic Plan will always be available on our website and we aim to update you regularly with our progress against our goals. We want to also acknowledge the mahi that our Tumuaki/Principal has put in to shape it at the end, Hinei we love your work!



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In our new vision statement we talk about connection - to whānau, land, as well as our iwi and hapū who support our school. An exciting way we can connect in term 1 is through our **school gala**. This is a parent led initiative, but one that the staff and Board are fully behind so that we can create amazing learning opportunities, whānau and community engagement and also fundraise! Mark your calendars, clear your schedules for April 4th, as after school that day, we're going to all have an amazing time!

Our Board are continuing to upskill, taking learning opportunities provided to us through NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustee Association), with one such opportunity on reporting and monitoring coming up next month that some of us are attending. Our Presiding Member, Annamarie has also taken the opportunity to learn Te Reo Māori through a Ministry of Education funded initiative with Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue Iho Ake. We hope that this will help to support our goals for Māori to have success as Māori, and to better meet our obligations around giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

For our Māori students who whakapapa to Te Arawa, we have funding opportunities available, we just need to do paperwork to acknowledge local iwi and hapū connections. Please contact us on our email for more information or pop in to see Mary Anne to update your iwi and hapū information.

If you need to contact us, our email address is [bot@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:bot@lynmore.school.nz) and we have a box for anonymous feedback in the office. Our school policies can be found on the website under **Policies**. This term we're reviewing Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Board Responsibility, Documenting & Self Review Policy.

Our minutes can be found in Kerrie's office. Our **next meeting is March 25th at 6pm** in the SLT office. Please feel free to come along if you want to see what we do. Just email our Board Secretary, Kerrie at [admin@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynmore.school.nz) to confirm attendance.

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