

# TE PĀNUI O TE POARI / THE BOARD NOTICES

*Whāia te mātauranga hei orange mō koutou. Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing.*

Did you know that on the 1st of August 1987 Te Reo Māori was recognised as an official language in Aotearoa, New Zealand? As one of our country's three official languages, it's important to us to embrace all aspects of the language and the culture, which is why we're so excited about the changes coming to our branding and identity. Our goal is to make it obvious from the first moment you enter our kura / school that you are in a learning environment in Aotearoa. Our new logo, and in turn, our new uniform, is designed intentionally, with care and recognition of our whenua / land. You will soon be asked for your feedback on the new uniform. Hinei and her team have put a lot of energy into getting the design, fabric and fit right for all our tamariki with thoughtful consideration to price and wearability. We hope you will be as excited as us to embrace the new look for Te Kura o Owhatiura / Lynmore School.

We had our second to last hui on Monday 28th of July. And it was a full and exciting meeting discussing the strategic direction for our kura in the next three years. Our Senior Leadership Team - Tumuaki / Principal **Hinei Taute** along with Kaitiriwā Tumuaki / Deputy Principals **Michael Cunliffe**, **Lisa Groot** and **Karen Belt** led us through their goals and aspirations for our tamariki / children. The Board's job is to own and approve this guiding plan by consulting with the parent and caregiver community to understand your goals and aspirations for your tamariki. This plan will need to go into effect in January 2026, and as a new Board will soon be in place, we wanted to set them up for success by getting a jumpstart on this plan. You can expect to hear from us soon for your feedback.

You will have noticed the building work has started in the gym. We have tried to make as little disruption for our tamariki so we will continue to use this space for as long as possible. Safety barriers have been put up in both carparks, and carpark space is even more challenging than normal. This is a reminder to **please not drop or pick up your tamariki from either carpark**. It's very unsafe and as it's our job to ensure a safe environment for everyone, we ask for your assistance.

# TE PĀNUI O TE POARI CONTINUED

As you know, the current government has a big focus on education. This means constant changes for our staff, not just in curriculum but in processes and funding changes / cuts. One of the areas under the microscope is attendance and it's our job to ensure we have good strategies to meet the government's goals. We continue to monitor attendance levels and support our staff in this area. Please continue to inform your child's teacher absences and reasons why, and if you are having any issues, reach out to them or to Mary-Anne in the office.

This term we are reviewing three policies: Child protection, Abuse & Reporting, and Safety Checking. We encourage anyone in our community to view and or/ comment on our policies via the online SchoolDocs tool (link is on our website under Policies). These are what governs us, so it's important we check and update them regularly.

Just a reminder that it's Triennial Board election time! Nominations are still open until **12pm on the 6th of August**. If we go to an election (meaning we have more than five parent elected nominations) then the voting papers will be sent by the **13th of August**. The new Board will officially take office on the **17th of September**.

And lastly, a big shout out to our **Tumuaki Hinei Taute** from the rest of the Board. Last week was Tu Meke Tumuaki day, where you celebrate the leader of your kura. Our staff and tamariki did an amazing job showering her with all our appreciation and we also did a small celebration at our hui. It's not an easy job running a school but she makes it look effortless with how much she juggles. She always goes above and beyond, putting our tamariki at the heart of every decision she makes - Ngā mihi ki a koe, you are tu meke!

As always, if you need to contact us, you can email [bot@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:bot@lynmore.school.nz) or anonymously in the box at the office. Our Board minutes are kept in Kerrie's office and are available to anyone to view. Our next (and last!) hui is on Monday 25th August at 6pm. Anyone is welcome at these hui, you just need to let Kerrie know at [admin@lynmore.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynmore.school.nz)

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