



Term One: Board Newsletter

Well unbelievably another Term is nearly over! Hopefully all the children are settled into school and enjoying the learning opportunities available to them. At our March Board meeting Mrs Corkin and Miss Ramel presented some of the highlights from their time away and they have brought back some fantastic information and ideas for the staff to develop in areas such as literacy, creativity and the digital world. We are also working to keep up to date with the implementation of the National Standards throughout the country and the requirements facing our school and will keep you informed as we go along.

As you are now all aware, it is time for Board of Trustee elections throughout New Zealand and our Board will be part of this process. You will receive nomination papers in the mail this week and we encourage you to consider becoming a Trustee. To be a really effective Board we need a range of people with different skills and personalities. You don't need to be a business expert or have ever been on a board before. We are all learning as we go along! The best thing you can be is a parent who really cares about providing the best education we can for all the children in this community and be able to think about a long term vision for the school. If you would like to discuss any aspect of being a Trustee with me or any of the other Board members, please leave a message at the office and we will be in touch. Have a great week.

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If the Board is not for you but you do want to be more involved in our school, why not join the PTA?

The NZPTA have answered a question below which some of you may be asking:

What is the difference between the PTA and the BOT?

The PTA (parent group) is made up of parents who come together to support their children's education, with links to staff and BOT members. It is fairly informal and can choose it's own role in the school. The focus is usually on raising funds for special projects, facilitating communication between home and school, and supporting parents as full partners in their child's education. The BOT (Board of Trustees) is made up of parent representatives, staff members, and sometimes representatives of other groups (eg. students, Maori, Church, etc.). It is set up by the Government as a statutory body and has many regulations to comply with. The BOT has the job of setting the strategic direction for the school and making sure legal requirements are being met - this is called 'governance'. The BOT and PTA have complementary roles within the school, so when an effective partnership is formed, it creates a win-win situation for both groups ... and the students.

PTA is a great way to contribute to the school, have some fun doing fundraising, meet other parents and help build a stronger school community. Snells Beach School PTA is urgently seeking new members.

If you would like to be part of the PTA, please come along to our next meeting this Thursday 25th March, at 7pm in the school staffroom. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to know more about being involved, email the **PTA on snellsbeachschoolpta@yahoo.co.nz**

