

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI #6

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE, YOUR KURA

We're approaching our Board Election season — a crucial time when our community helps shape the future of our school. Below is everything you need to know:.

What is the Role of the Board?

The Board plays a vital role in ensuring that our school runs smoothly and effectively. They oversee the strategic direction, manage the school's finances, and ensure that our students receive the best possible education. The Board works closely with the principal and staff to set goals, monitor progress, and maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all students at a governance level.

Why is Your Participation Important?

Your participation in the Board Election is not just a right but a responsibility. By voting, you help select representatives who will voice your aspirations and concerns, ensuring that the school reflects the values and needs of our diverse community. It's a chance to have a direct impact on decisions that affect your children's education and wellbeing.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- **Vote:** Make sure to participate in the election to choose the representatives you believe are best suited to lead our school.
- **Nominate:** If you or anyone you know, have a passion for education and community service, consider standing for election yourself or nominating them.
 - There are no special qualifications required—just a dedication to our tamariki, a willingness to learn, and a desire to contribute to effective decision-making.
 - Serving on the Board is a fulfilling opportunity to directly influence the culture, resources, and direction of our kura.
 - If you're interested in developing your leadership skills, working with a fantastic team, and giving back to the community, we warmly invite you to consider putting your name forward or reaching out to us for more information about the process.
- **Support:** Encourage others to participate, and foster a community spirit that values collaboration and shared efforts.

Together, let's ensure that our kura continues to thrive and provide an enriching environment for our tamariki to learn and grow.

HOW THE ELECTION PROCESS WORKS

The process for the school board election is clear and easy to follow:

- **Nominations Opening Soon** — You can nominate yourself or someone you believe would contribute positively to our school, including a member of our establishment board.
- **Confirmation of Nominees** — After nominations close, we will announce the candidates running for election.
- **Voting** — Voting papers will be distributed to all eligible voters. You'll have ample time to review the candidates and select those you trust to represent your interests.
- **Announcement of Results** — After voting concludes, the votes will be tallied, and the new Board will be established.

Stay tuned for our notices regarding important dates and the next steps. If you need assistance understanding the process, we are here to help!

YOUR PART — CHECK YOUR DETAILS NOW

It's really important that we have the **correct contact information** for every family. This ensures you receive your voting papers (electronically or physically) and have your say.

Please notify us:

- If you've moved since enrolling to update your current address
- Have updated your email and phone number
- Had any recent changes in guardianship or living arrangements

If you need to update anything, contact our office as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting our kura. Together, we make decisions that keep our school strong and our students flourishing.