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Kia ora koutou

We have nearly reached the end of what has been, for most of us, quite a challenging year. The Board of Trustees would like to thank the entire school community for their positive support and for complying with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education regulations, that had to be enforced. We realise that the regulations put some families under immense pressure and appreciate the collective effort made to help keep Clive School safe.

Sarah Beckett and Kate Steele were recently elected on the Board of Trustees. Sarah has a legal background and she is mum to Emma (year 6) and Harry (year 3). Kate has a social work background and she is mum to Bonnie-Mae Hantler (year 3) and Nova Hantler (Explorers). Their skills and expertise will be a real asset to the board and the rest of the trustees look forward to working alongside them. The board currently has two casual vacancies available. If you have thought about being a trustee but did not want to go through the election process here is a chance to be involved. Contact Kirsty Jones – 0272077730.

Special acknowledgement to outgoing board members Kirsty Jones, Simon Richardson, Edward Whyte and John Willoughby. These trustees have been committed and hardworking, and have always considered the parties they represent when making decisions. We thank them for their service to the school.

The Board of Trustees recently surveyed the school community to provide families with an opportunity to share their views, and have input in the school's strategic direction. Nearly 90% of families responded, giving the board a wide range of rich information. Analysis has now been completed and the key findings are communicated within this newsletter. The areas of focus for 2021 are also reported here.

Thank you to the amazing staff for their ability to act quickly and adapt their teaching practice this year, and also for the pastoral care they gave to the children and families. The community survey told us that our teachers build positive relationships and 'go the extra mile'. That was needed more than ever in 2020.

Thank you to the Friends of the School for managing to continue to carry out various fundraising activities while still complying with COVID restrictions. We appreciate the work you do to raise funds for the children at Clive School.

Thank you to the children for showing all the attributes expected of Clive Kids during very unsettling times and thank you, to you, their families for what you did to support Clive School this year. The school holidays are just about here and the break is well deserved. Enjoy!

Board of Trustees



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# Clive School Direction 2021

<b>Dimensions of a Successful School</b> (Education Review Office)	Key Findings		
	<b>Teaching and Learning</b>	<i>Overwhelming the respondents reported that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning programmes were engaging, built independence, supported student success and developed the whole person</li> </ul>	<i>Areas of focus for 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the lens on implementing proven up to date best practice that engages learners, builds independence, supports student success and develops the whole person</li> <li>Fund additional programmes to support learners as needed</li> </ul>
	<b>School Culture</b>	<i>Overwhelming the respondents reported that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Their children enjoyed school and that the school provided a wide range of activities to stimulate and cater for different interests and needs</li> <li>The school promotes a positive, inclusive culture</li> </ul>	<i>Areas of focus for 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the diversity of Clive School through policy and practice that promotes inclusion for all</li> <li>Design and implement a 'localised curriculum' (teaching and learning activities) that meets ministry requirements while focussing specifically on the diverse interests and needs of 'Clive Kids'</li> </ul>
	<b>Engaging Families</b>	<i>The majority of respondents reported that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School life is communicated effectively</li> <li>Families are involved in learning</li> <li>Queries and concerns are heard and acted on, and issues are resolved with fair consideration for all parties</li> </ul>	<i>Areas of focus for 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinvigorate methods for communicating school life</li> <li>Increase the opportunities for families to be involved in learning</li> <li>Continue to follow school policy and implement practice that ensures all people in the school community have equal opportunity to have their needs heard and resolved</li> </ul>
	<b>Leading and Managing</b>	<i>Overwhelming the respondents reported that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The senior management team lead the school to improve student learning, enhance the special character and effectively run the school on a day to day basis</li> <li>The principal is visible</li> </ul>	<i>Areas of focus for 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead the development and implementation of the 'localised curriculum'</li> <li>Update policy and practice so that it continues to reflect equal opportunity and proven best practice</li> <li>Develop and implement a deliberate plan to further strengthen family engagement</li> <li>Ensure that there is minimal impact on teaching and learning when building and other property development is completed, and that the design aligns with future focused education</li> </ul>
	<b>Governance</b>	<i>Overwhelming the respondents reported that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board of trustees focuses on continuously improving Clive School and that they communicate governance happenings</li> </ul>	<i>Areas of focus for 2021</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain strong governance and ensure new trustees are transitioned in to their roles seamlessly</li> <li>Continue to ensure the diverse views of the school community are sought and considered when making decisions</li> </ul>

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Consultation Area	Key Findings	
<b>Recapitulation (retaining yr 7/8)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>76% of respondents would like the board of trustees to explore recapitulation further</li> </ul> <p><i>Of those families who have already had a child transition to intermediate an overwhelming majority said:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that their child was socially prepared</li> <li>that their child was academically prepared</li> </ul>	<p><i>Areas of focus for 2021</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further community and ministry of education consultation to more deeply explore the community views, the ministry of education requirements and the viability of recapitulation for Clive School</li> </ul>

<b>Comments from the Clive School community</b>	<p><i>The board of trustees thank the school community for taking the time to express their view by answering the survey. The comments that were sent in have been considered as part of the 2021 areas of focus. There were a number of comments that made us smile, a few of them are shared here.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Thank you for making my children feel welcome and safe as a pupil of Clive School</i></li> <li><i>Clive is a fantastic school with a wonderful atmosphere and energy</i></li> <li><i>The school has a great feel, very friendly</i></li> <li><i>We moved our children to Clive School at the beginning of this year. We could not be happier the positive change we have seen with both our children is immense, they are the happiest most content we have seen them. They are respected and so cared for by the whole team at Clive School. Which we feel this is due to the strong values, culture and leadership</i></li> <li><i>Thanks Clive school for the wonderful job that you all do. You're doing an outstanding job, and my child loves being part of your school</i></li> <li><i>We love Clive School, and I have been grateful for how thoughtful you have been in terms of managing this unsettling year. My child can be anxious at times but however you have been talking about the virus at school has helped him to have less worry about it! Thanks for all your hard work</i></li> <li><i>This is our first year at Clive school and it has been a great start. Positive, happy environment. Thank you all</i></li> <li><i>Very pleased overall; great teachers and governance - kids are happy to attend school each day.</i></li> </ul>
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