



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Teachers,

Welcome back to our new school year and hopefully everyone has nicely settled back into the school routine. We look forward to meeting our new families over the next few months.

At the beginning of each year we are required to re-elect our Chairperson, along with other Board positions. We are very happy that Alison Gilchrist was re-elected as our Board Chairperson. The relevant positions are:

Chairperson	Alison Gilchrist
Deputy Chairperson	Rhys Windybank
Finance	Sonja Brown
Property, Health & Safety	Paul Murphy
Minutes & Communications	Cushla Walsh

We would like to welcome Katie Crowe who is the BOT Staff representative.

Thank you to those families who have paid, or arranged payment, of their school donations. Remember that the Board are offering parents the chance to win back the 2011 school donations for one child. For school donations paid (or have arranged for payment) before 31 March 2011, you will go into the draw to win back the 2011 school donations for one child. We have decided on the process for this selection which will be independent from all Board members

The Board would again like to thank the PTA for their continuing great work. They presented the Board with a cheque for \$26,000 at the December prize-giving which was a great surprise. Alison attended the PTA AGM last week and thanked the PTA for their wonderful work they do for the school. We would also like to thank the outgoing PTA Chairperson – Paula Taylor, Treasurer Kim Philip and the Secretary – Rachael Baxter-MacKay. All these ladies did an amazing job for our school. We would like to congratulate the following parents who are taking over the PTA roles Chairpersons – Rhonda Smythe and Michael Cook, Treasurer Andrea Schreuder and Secretary Leanne Gillingham and to all the parents who are on the 2011 PTA

With the weather still looking fantastic it is important to remember to be sun smart and to apply sun block in the mornings before school. Our procedures require that during Terms 1 and 4 our students must wear a Silverdale School sunhat outside, or play under the shade.

Here is a reminder of the dates for school terms in 2011:

2011	<i>Term One</i>	<i>2 February 2011 – 15 April 2011</i>
	<i>Term Two</i>	<i>2 May 2011 – 15 July 2011</i>
	<i>Term Three</i>	<i>1 August 2011 – 7 October 2011</i>
	<i>Term Four</i>	<i>25 October 2011 -15 December 2011</i>

If you wish to contact any member of the Board, our details are:

Alison Gilchrist (Chairperson)	426 9790
Rhys Windybank	427 6331
Sonja Brown	424 4585
Paul Murphy	424 7590
Cushla Walsh	426 2203

If you would like to come along to the next Board of Trustee meeting it is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### **Message from the Chairperson**

I have been re-elected as the Chairperson for 2011, and I'm very happy to accept this position. All the Board members are looking forward to 2011 and onwards and I would like to thank them all for their time and hard work they put into our school.

I was at the swimming sports last week and what an amazing place the Northern Arena is. It was wonderful to see so many parents/grandparents there helping and cheering on the children. Everyone had a fantastic day. Well done to all the students who participated and congratulations to the house winners Rangitoto.

In the January/February NZSTA news the President Lorraine Kerr wrote, the reason for what we do as trustees and as educators is "the students". There are lots of other things that matter – the letter of the law, the kaupapa (values, principles and ideas) of the organisation, collecting data and being accountable, respect, discipline, staff morale, staying solvent...but when we remember the main thing, the main thing is our students. What does it mean? It doesn't mean we're perfect – or that we expect to be by the end of the year. It means we won't give up trying to get there.

Kind Regards  
Alison Gilchrist