



Te Rito Harakeke

**MARSHLAND
SCHOOL**

Board Talk

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Hi and welcome to the first Board Talk of the Marshland School Board of Trustees for 2017. The purpose of this publication is to keep the community informed about some of the things we are working on as a Board of Trustees during the year. We hope to put a board talk out once a term to share some of the things we are working on.

Introducing Tanya Joyner.

Ngā Mihi Nui Kia Koutou, Ko Ōtakou te Maunga, Ko Waitaki te awa, Ko Takitimu te waka, Ko Ngāti Mamoe te iwi, Ko Ōtakou Te Marae, Ko George Williams ōku tipuna, No Kaitangata ia,

No reira Tēnā Koutou katoa.

Ko Māori au, Ko Tanya tōku ingoa. My name is Tanya; I am married to the school's resident Mr Joyner. We have our fourth child, Hannah currently in Korimako. I joined the board, in August 2016.

I bring a range of skills to the board, such as: I am trained in Early Childhood Education as Kaiako. I have experience with understanding New Zealand Curriculum, Te Tiriti Ō Waitangi, Kahikatea, working with ERO and reports, self-reviews and supporting best outcomes for all akonga -students.

I offer advisory skills in Te Ao Māori, I am able to represent the board at Whānau hui, I engage in consultation with our principal -Jacqui with a lens on self-review around Māori akonga (students) achievement, hauora, (well-being). I am able to extend my skills with tautoko (support) the school within the Whānau Whanui wider Māori community.

One of my roles last year as a board member was connecting with iwi, to have consultation with Ngai Tahu in gaining our Māori name, 'Te Rito Harakeke' Marshland School and ensuring the consultation was feedback to the board, to you the Whānau, (akonga) students, Kaiako and Community.

One of the key Strategic plans for 2016-2018, as board member I will be supporting with the whole board, is the 'Huakina Mai' programme, to strengthen 'mana' of our students and

engaging Whānau.

I am looking forward to the journey that 'Te Rito Harakeke Marshland School' is on, with growing successful students. I see the school creating an inclusive environment for all students to be proud, being a student of Marshland School. This fits with the meaning of Marshland Māori name, *to nurture the tender growing middle shoot of the flax by surrounding them with tautoko (support) with whānau, (Tipuna) grandparents then wider whānau community.*

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Since the last issue of Board Talk we have had a visit from the Education Review Office. Initial feedback has been very positive and you will be able to view the report on the our website in a few months time. The Board is very proud of the initial findings and would like to congratulate Marshland school leadership team and teachers for all their hard work. This report also highlights the positive direction the School is heading in and the great learning that is happening. They will next visit the School in 4-5 years.

Resow Field and Irrigation

We have received some great news in that the Ministry have agreed to remediate our field and resow it. They have also agreed to install irrigation so that the surface remains in good condition for the future. We are currently working through options and looking at the best times to undertake the work as the field is an essential part of our school and we don't want it to be out of action for any longer than it needs to be.

Working together with Ferndale

The Ferndale unit based in the Toroa hub has been working with the students in Toroa. They have been playing softball together and the students have been involved in a buddy system. It has been great to see this relationship being built as we share the new facilities with Ferndale.

Van update

We are currently looking through a range of options in regards to a School Van. There are plenty of scenarios to consider and we hope to have a decision soon. This will be an exciting addition to Marshland and will add flexibility to our transport options.

Community Garden

The community garden has now been put in and we will invoice the Ministry for payment (which is fantastic). Mike Jefferies (the teacher in charge of this project) is going to give each hub a plot and they can grow their own vegetables etc. Children will also be able to join a Garden Club with horticulture opportunities like we had at the old school.

New scooter stands

We have recently purchased more scooter stands due to the growing number of children who scooter to school. These look great and are very effective at storing the scooters tidily.

Friendship Seat

This has been ordered and paid for through the chocolates fundraiser from the SCG. The idea behind this is that if a child has nobody to play with or is feeling sad, they can go and sit there and a duty teacher can tee them up with other children, or other children can go and invite them to join in their games.

Cybersmart Evening

We had a great turnout of parents to our information night about keeping your child cyber safe. This evening was run by the SCG and facilitated by Paul Tyson. Paul developed a slideshow that we will put on our website for those of you who were not able to make it on the evening to refer to.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and Holidays.

Marshland School Board of Trustees.