



MISSION
HEART and SOUL

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself" Luke 10:27



EDUCATION
HEAD and VOICE

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7



SERVICE
HANDS and FEET

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:15-17

St Columba's Catholic School

Board of Trustees - End of Year Update

The Board of Trustees finished the year with our December meeting focused on the key end of year educational results and are happy to report great results in our target areas, reading and maths. We also discussed how in 2020, we can support the school leadership and teachers in continuously working towards the best outcomes for our tamariki.

The end of the year also sees the start of our next major property project, the extension and renovations to Kahikatea and Ngaio classrooms. We are excited to see these new spaces in use mid 2020.

Board Members

The Board are pleased to announce we have filled the parent representative vacancy on the Board of Trustees and welcome Katie Gregan to the Board. Katie is an old girl from St Columba's and brings great energy and skills as a Chartered Accountant to the role. Katie joins the rest of the Board, Chairperson - Karyn Rastrick, Principal - Gareth Duncan, Parish Priest - Father Alfonso, Proprietor's Representatives - Teuila Maggoff, Paul Jackson, and Joan Prado, Parent Representatives - Ryan Henwood, Kylie Paekau, and Arty Mudaliar, Staff Representative - Ross Trafford, as well as Board Secretary - Ngarita Fawson.

Board Policy

In the second half of the year the Board have been working hard to update all of our policies and make them more accessible for our school community. You will now find a section on our school website with key policies available. As always, you will find the Board of Trustees policy folder in the school office available to all.

Donations

This year the board opted into the Government's new 'School Donations Scheme'. This means next year the government will pay the school \$150 per student and the school will no longer ask for school donations. Activities such as extra-curricular sports and optional activities such as the Year 8 Day Out, Aims Games & Rainbows End will continue to attract a fee as will uniforms and stationery. Overnight camps will also

require a contribution from families to make it feasible for us to run these experiences for your children. Click on the link for further information - [School Donations](#). The board has opted into this scheme for a one year trial and will revisit later in 2020. Continued parent support will be vital in making this work for our school.

Annual Review

In Term Four the Board commenced its review to set the annual plan for 2020. This is a critical process to decide on the priorities of the school and we will be engaging with parents and our school community early in the new year to understand different perspectives as an input into the review. Keep an eye out for more information in Term One.

Thank You

2019 also saw a wonderful Gala and the Board of Trustees would like to thank the PTFA for all of their hard work, as well as all of our teachers and parents who supported this event. The PTFA work tirelessly to make our school a better place - thank you.

The Board of Trustees would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank the school Senior Leadership Team and all of our Teachers for their steady work in developing our tamariki. We have a wonderful group of talented, passionate, and hard working leadership and teaching staff. We would also like to make mention of our learning assistants, administrative, and grounds staff. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful collective team behind St Columba's Catholic School. We wish our staff moving on to new adventures (near and far) very well and are excited about the new staff we are welcoming in the new year.

Christmas Blessings

The Board extends a very Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy the Christmas break, have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing your children back in 2020.

Karyn Rastrick

St Columba's Catholic School Board of Trustees Chairperson

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PTFA Update

Fundraising activities completed over 2019 were:

- Discos
- Mufti Days
- Juicies and Pizzas
- Entertainment Books
- Oxford Pies
- Book Fair
- Adidas Fun Run
- Honey sales
- Scooter Track
- Protein Bars
- Ice Skating
- Quiz Night
- Gala
- Grandparents Day Artwork

The funds raised were donated to the following this year:

- \$200 per classroom for teachers to spend on board games or classroom requisites
- New vacuum cleaner for the school hall - \$1200
- New Scooter Track \$10,000.00
- Kapa Haka uniforms - \$5,362.68
- Radio Station (aerial etc.) - \$530.15
- Ice Skating - \$870.10
- Andrew Chin Visit- \$1,300
- Buses for Junior Swimming - \$950.00

Thank you to all who supported our fundraisers over the year. It is great for our parent community to know that we are putting money directly back into our children's learning, and learning opportunities.

We look forward to your support in 2020 and hope to see some new faces helping out.

Kelly Evans
PTFA Chairperson