

BOT TALK

St Patrick's Catholic School

We welcome and encourage feedback, please contact the BOT via the Chair lorraine.kendrick@stpatta.co.nz

TERM 4 PRIORITIES

- Monitoring progress against Strategic 2017 Annual Plan
- Recruitment for a new Principal
- Acting Principals appraisal
- Setting 2018 budget

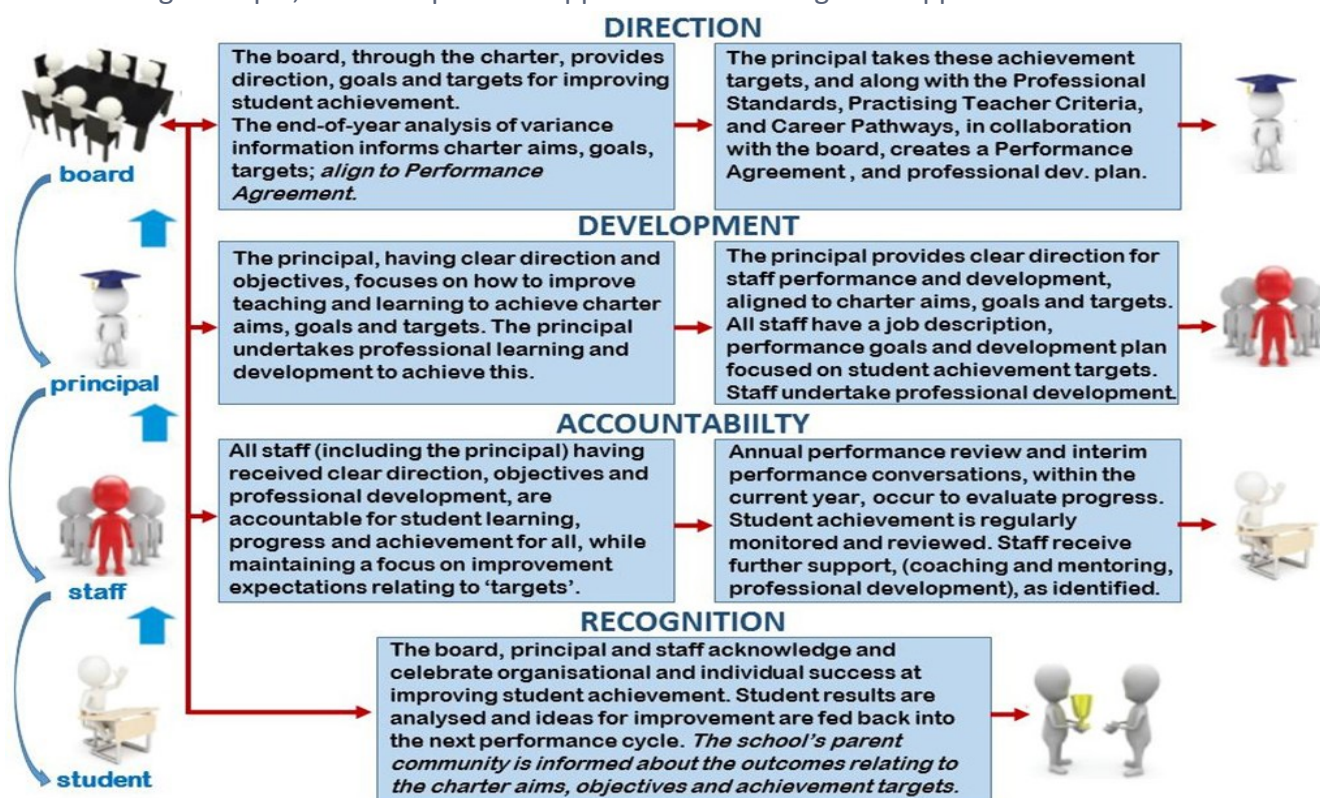
UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT FOR A NEW PRINCIPAL — TAKE 2

The Board is continuing with the recruitment process and are well underway with Take 2!! We've advertised and have received new applications which we are currently working through. Interviews are planned for 4 November. All going well we will agree on a preferred candidate and we will have a new Principal for the start of Term 1 2018 - we will let you know as soon as any decision has been made.

PRINCIPAL APPRAISAL - HOW DOES IT WORK?

Part of the Boards' role is to appraise the Principal, so this year we are required to appraise Mrs. Sutton in her role as Acting Principal. This is standard practice. However, being consistent with our Good to Great journey, we want to ensure that we are undertaking **BEST Practice** so this year a random selection of parents will also be asked to appraise Mrs. Sutton, along with seeking feedback from staff and members of the board. If you have been selected you will be sent an email with a questionnaire on 25 specific performance criteria. This will need to be completed and returned to the independent consultant which the BOT has contracted to undertake Mrs. Sutton's appraisal.

Your response will be completely anonymous. This format will continue with the new Principal that the Board appoints to ensure that we continue to enhance the leadership at St Patrick's. Mrs. Sutton, in her role as Acting Principal, is also required to appraise the teaching and support staff at the school.



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Board of Trustees

GOOD TO GREAT JOURNEY!

TERM 4 — THE FINALE — THANK YOU

The Board is determined that St Patrick's continues to improve and embraces the Good To Great Journey. The school can only be successful if it works as a community, making sure we all do our bit. We need committed and professional staff, dedicated parents and care givers to ensure we provide the best we can for our children so they can continue to grow. 2017 has seen the establishment and enhancement of the following committees which involve both teaching staff, board members and parents. These committees are a vital tool in our Good to Great journey and some have made great gains already. Moving forward all will strengthen the School. Therefore, in the last newsletter for the year the BOT would like to acknowledge, recognise and thank all who have helped.

Sports Committee—The Sports Committee has been established to manage the numerous sporting codes that our children get the chance to be involved in. The Committee members are: Marcus Oxenham, Andrew Karl (Chair), Adrian Kendrick, Lisa Atkinson, Hayden Pryor, Megan Sanders and Jeremy Kendrick. This team is starting to streamline the activities, getting organised early so that all children get the opportunity to get involved. The BOT acknowledges the work that has commenced and looks forward to seeing what can be achieved in 2018.

Grants Committee—The Grants committee was set up to access funds from external parties, such as Grass Roots, Trillian fund etc.. The committee members Rochelle Old and Karyn-Ann Spiers have been extremely successful with securing over \$18,000 funds for Chrome books, TV's, furniture for senior classrooms and new gardens and shed for Enviroschools. This is a fantastic effort which takes time and commitment to meet the very high criteria set by the funders. The BOT would like to thank Rochelle and Karyn-Ann for their commitment to this activity.

Parent Teachers Association (PTA) - Over the last number of years the representation on the PTA has been small with a dedicated group of parents. The BOT recognises the efforts of those parents, in particular Tania Barras, for holding the fort. In Term 3 we sought to reestablish a new framework for the PTA so that it is able to grow and not be so reliant on only a few members. It also recognised that fundraising activities were sometimes adhoc and often for the benefit of the senior school, with the middle and junior school often missing out. This new framework ensures that the teaching staff will work with the PTA to help prioritise fundraising activities throughout the school. The BOT would like to thank the following and wish you well in your new structure, Renee Irwin - President, Tamara Barnett - Secretary, Tania Barras - Treasurer and Committee members Amanda Coupland, Rochelle Old, Christina Gisler and Tina Blackwell.

Sports coaches and Sponsors —There are too many of you to name but you all know who you are. The BOT would like to thank the netball, touch and miniball coaches, everyone involved in the cross country, particularly Gibson construction for sponsoring the ribbons, and all the other parents who have helped out in sporting activities throughout the year.

Parent and Caregiver help—We thank all who have helped throughout the year, with property maintenance, helping in the classrooms, taking part in art and cultural activities and much, much more. The BOT appreciates the time you have taken out of your busy schedules to work with and support our children.

