

# Tapawera News



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## **Tena koutou katoa**

Welcome to Term 2. The first few days were a bit cool but we seem to have gone back to almost spring type weather. Good for grass growth I hope.

### **Tournament Successes**

Of the seven students who travelled to Murchison on Sunday and Monday five have been selected for Top of The South teams which will compete against the rest of New Zealand in Rotorua during the next term break. Well done to all of you and special thanks to Mr Haunch for his commitment and time.

### **TDC Financial Support - Summer Pool Use**

Each year TDC gives us \$2000 towards keeping the school pool open over the summer period. This is an important contribution towards our costs and we believe the community benefits from having access to the pool.

We are also indebted to Sport and Recreation who commit to running the pool each year. Thank you all for your efforts.

### **Have a Smile.....**

Paddy and Murphy were working on a building site when suddenly a slate fell off the roof and sliced poor Paddy's ear clean off.

The pair rushed around the site trying to find it in time to sew it back on. Eventually, Murphy spotted it and ran over to Paddy.

"Is this yours?" he asked in a hurry.

Disappointed, Paddy replied: "No, mine had a pencil behind it!"

### **Impetigo - School Sores**

I have been made aware that there could be school sores present within our community. If you notice the sores - often about the face and mouth/nose - please seek medical advice and have them treated. Also be aware that the condition is highly contagious.

## **Wow! Financial Grants**

Yesterday I received notification of a grant to assist with replacement and upgrade of Outdoor Education equipment to the tune of \$3950 from NZ Community Trust!

Then today I received notification of a grant for \$6570 to assist with the purchase of a shipping container which will store 40 bicycles which have been funded through a District Health Board grant!

### **School Behaviour**

The term has started off in a relatively calm manner - much like last term. So far this year we have had just 3 incidents which have required my intervention. This is a far cry from 7-8 years ago. I am sure that we will also see a lift in achievement because students will be more able to focus. You all have great children and we enjoy working with them!

### **Dad Joke...**

The man who invented the Hokey Tokey died. At his funeral they had a terrible time getting the lid on his coffin, "He put his left leg in, he put his left leg out, he put his left leg in and shook it all about "... that's when the trouble started...

### **Bus Route Review**

The Ministry of Education has taken over management of bus routes. They are coming out this week to review our routes. I hope they don't take out the big scissors!

### **Individual Education Plans - IEPs**

We have a significant number of students who have an IEP. These are managed mainly by Tanya Snackers our SENCO. The aim of these is to focus school programmes and activities to enable maximum learning achievement from students, often but not always, who need additional learning support.

It is important that parents and students are involved in these so that we can all be working towards common objectives. Thanks for your support.

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Barbara Carleton

*If you have questions,  
concerns or compliments  
please let us know—we  
value your feedback.*

## **Term Dates 2019**

Term 1 Feb 7 – Apr 12

Term 2 Apr 29 – July 5

Term 3 July 22 – Sep 27

Term 4 Oct 14 – Dec 13





## **Skoool Loop**

We use Skoool Loop as our school App for communicating messages to parents and groups of parents. You can get the free App from your App store. We highly recommend it.

## **Cross Country**

We had an awesome afternoon running around our school grounds and community. We witnessed outstanding sportsmanship and encouragement between our students.

Thanks to all of the parents who came along to support and encourage.

## **Telephone System**

Just before the last term break half of our school phone system developed a fault.

Rather than spend money searching for the fault we decided to invest that money in an upgraded system which will enable us to extend the system in the future to meet future need changes. This system has now been installed.

Staff who have phones may now be able to give you extension numbers for direct calls.

## **Final Shot.....**

"Everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was." *Robert Louis Stevenson*

A great start to the term!!  
Hei kona ra  
Kelvin

The 4 year old visits to school will be changing to Thursday mornings from next week onwards. This is because Tuatahi Kapa happens on the Tuesdays.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Orders for student photos should be made to the school office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Year 0- 8 News**

**Key words for 2019 FIRE =  
Friendship, Integrity, Respect, Effort**

Key word for this term is Integrity.

*Welcome to another busy term. There is a lot on which is very exciting.*



### **Matariki**

Matariki is the Maori name for the group of stars called the Pleiades or The Seven Sisters. Matariki can be translated as Tiny Eyes or Eyes of God. Matariki rises in the last days of May and is visible during June. It is traditionally believed that if the Matariki stars are shining brightly, the next growing season will be warmer and more food produced. Matariki is also the name given to the Maori new year. Matariki falls at the end of harvest time. This is a time for family and friends to come together to celebrate and to share gifts of food from both land and sea.

To celebrate this event, we would like to have a school hangi. If you are interested in helping us make this happen on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, please contact the school office. During this day, we will hold a variety of activities for the children to take part in.

### **Des Hunt**

We have Des, a NZ author visiting us next week. Check out his website for his great range of books. <https://www.deshunt.com>

### **Kiwi Hoops**

**Kiwi Hoops is the Basketball New Zealand junior basketball programme. It uses basketball activities and games to provide fun and enjoyable learning and participation experiences for young people from 5 to 13 years of age.**

Kiwi Hoops is based on modified games and activities that provide fun and success for everyone. It's designed to meet the needs of young players while keeping the essence of the game. Our year 0-8 classes have this opportunity this term. They are loving it.

### **School Production**

Exciting times...our school production will hit the stage next term during week 9, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – So save the date! Currently the script is being written and children are starting to think about dances and music to classic movies. Watch this space.

### **School Reports**

Written reports will be out at the end of this term. However, you know that if you would like to see your child's teacher prior to this, please make an appointment via the office.



## Shows Coming up this term

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Elegreggo the magician will be here for his performance at 9.15am.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 'The Tortoise and the Hare' show will be performing at 2pm.

## Gymnastics

Currently our classroom programmes include gymnastics, so we can select a team to head to Motueka for the annual gymnastic competitions. Yr 4-5 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and Yr 7-8 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## Autumn fun

Kyuss is waiting for his bus to arrive and having fun in the leaves.



## Uniform

Thanks to all our families for making the effort to ensure their children have the correct uniform. Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled with their names (not from the previous owner).

## Sign Language Week

We have been so lucky to have leaders from room 7 coming in to share their sign language skills this week. It has been awesome. Here is Jack, Leroy, Zander, Lachlan and Caleb teaching room 5 how to say "Good morning" and things about their family.



## Dates

10 May 2.30pm Assembly  
15 May 1.30- 3pm Des Hunt Library Yr 4 -9  
16 May First Aid Course Y11 - 14  
20 - 24 May Yr11 Christchurch trip

22 May TSS Cross Country  
24 May School Disco  
30 May Pi Day  
31 May 2.30pm Assembly

3 June Queens Birthday Holiday  
4 June Motueka / Moutere Rippa  
7 June 9.15am Elgrego  
14 June Motueka / Moutere Cross Country  
19 June 2pm The Tortoise and the Hare Show

20 June Matariki Glow Show Y 0 - 6  
20 June Motueka Gymnastics B Grade Y4 - 6  
21 June Motueka Gymnastics A Grade Y 7/8  
21 June 2.30pm Assembly

26 June Nelson Mathix  
27 June Matariki Hangi Day  
4 July Y 7/8 Rewards Day  
5 July 2.30pm Assembly  
5 July Last day Term 2



Simple free download: In Google play  
& App Store search 'Skool Loop'  
& choose our school once installed.



First Race Away.  
5 year olds start their Cross Country Run





## Te Reo Me Ona Tikanga Maori

*Tuao Wharepapa* is a Waiata for our school.

Tatai Whakapapa is one of the Karakia for this term.

*Karakia ki a Matariki* is one of the Karakia for this term.

*Te Whare Whakahirahira* is a Waiata that our school sings.

*Tika Tonu* is a Haka that our school performs.

### Te Whare Whakahirahira

Ko Rangnui e tū ake nei hei tuanui

Ko Papatūānuku e takoto nei hei whāriki

Ko te reo me ngā tikanga hei tāhūhū

Ko te iwi hei poutokomanawa

Ko te whare whakahirahira o te iwi e

Hei whakairi i ngā, i ngā tūmanako

I ngā wawata i ngā moemoeā

Tērā te wā i te wao nui

Tū takitahi

Tēnei ko koe, ko Tāne-whakapiripiri

### Tuao Wharepapa

Tuao Wharepapa te maunga

Motueka te awa

Ko Tapawera o rohe te kura

E tu atu nei

Ko tenei te powhiri

Kia koutou nga iwi

Haere mai ra

Haere mai ra

Koutou

Haere mai ra

Haere mai ra

Koutou



### Tika Tonu

Tika tonu Ue!

Tika tonu Ue!

Tika tonu atu ki a koe, e tama

Hiki nei ko e aku whakaaro pakia

He hiki aha tō hiki?

He hiki roa tō hiki?

I a ha ha!

E tama te uau ana

E tama te mārō

Roa inā hoki ra

te tohe o te uau ana

E tau nei

Ana kss

Ana kss

Ana kss

Aue Hi!

### Karakia ki a Matariki

Matariki te tipua strange, supernatural

Matariki te tawhito ancientness, oldness

Tau mai te wairua Season of spirit, soul

Mai ngā ira atua from, since, the life principle of ancestor with continuing influence

Ki te ira tangata the life principle of human beings

Tihei mauriora sneeze/breath of life

<https://vimeo.com/channels/1240794/216121847>



Tuatahi Kapa (0 – 6)

E I A I E

Ngā iwi e! Ngā iwi e!

Kia kotahi rā, te Moana Nui a Kiwa (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

Kia mau rā! Kia mau rā!

Ki te mana motuhake, me te aroha (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

Wahine ma! Wahine ma!

Maranga mai, maranga mai, kia kaha (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

E tane ma! E tane ma!

Tama tu, tama tu, tama ora! (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

E whanau ma! E whanau ma!

Whakarongo, tautoko, kia kaha! (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

Ngā iwi e! Ngā iwi e!

Kia kotahi rā, te Moana Nui a Kiwa (x2)

Te pae o Tapā ... wera *Kia kaha, kia kaha (x2)*

**Translation**

*All you people! All you people!*

*Be united as one like the Pacific Ocean*

*Hold on firmly! Hold on firmly!*

*To you separate identity and to compassion*

*All you young women! All you young women!*

*Rise up, rise up, be strong*

*All you young men! All you young men!*

*Listen, support, be strong*

Matariki

Waitī, Waitā, Waipunarangi,  
Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi,  
Ururangi e

Koinei ngā tamariki o  
Matariki

*(These are the children of  
Matariki)*

Ngā whetū e pīataata i te  
rangi e

*(The bright stars that shine  
in the sky)*

Ngā whetū e pīataata i te  
rangi e

*(The bright stars that shine  
in the sky)*

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/maori/matariki-maori-new-year/whare-tapere/waiata-song>



Whanau are invited to help with  
Matariki Celebrations.

On Thursday 27th June we will  
be to celebrating Matariki during  
the day.

If you are interested in putting down  
the hangi please contact Barbara  
Carleton in the office,  
[bcarleton@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:bcarleton@tapawera.school.nz) or  
035224337.

As our event draws closer there will  
be many other ways you and your  
whanau could help - we will in the  
near future let you know what they  
could be. If you have any suggestions  
please let us know.



## TOSI Area Schools Tournament Collingwood

My first Area Schools Tournament, I had no idea what to expect – except that it would be busy!!

Sunday afternoon 2 vans made their way to Collingwood for this year's Area School Tournament. After Mihi Whakatau our students left to stay with their host families.

20 students from our school formed the team and competed in the following events over the week: Football, Netball, Touch, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Ki-O-Rahi, Clay Bird Shooting, Bowls, Badminton, Triathlon and Tennis. There was also an Art Challenge, a Technical Challenge, a Top Chef Challenge, an Obstacle Course, Rugby Trials and the infamous Lip Sync Challenge. Sounds exhausting!

Our team from TAS this year was relatively young and for some, this was their first tournament experience. Bearing this in mind we had the following amazing results:

1<sup>st</sup> in: Girls Football, Clay Bird Shoot, Girls Volleyball, Top Chef and Girls Triathlon. Our young team ended up the best out of 7 other schools in those events! An awesome achievement.

The whole team pulled together throughout the week and a real highlight was seeing them all come together as a team for the Triathlon and the Obstacle course – both of those events you could really see them become a tight unit, looking after, encouraging each other and pushing each other along. Something they can be very proud of.

Another highlight was the Lip Sync competition, who will ever forget Ryan Jones as Miley Cyrus flying out on stage on a moon hopper to "Wrecking Ball"!

After the points were tallied, recounted and recounted again, we ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall – an outstanding achievement!!!

We also had a good number of students chosen to trial for National Area Schools Tournament held in Rotorua later this year.

Grace Mytton – Netball, Football, Basketball and Volleyball

Aleisha Oakley – Netball

Lacey Burnett – Football

Rosa Cameron – Volleyball

Flynn Morgan – Rugby, Ki-O-Rahi

Motu Harris – Rugby

Tom Haunch – Volleyball and Football

Congratulations on being selected and good luck for Trials Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Big thanks need to go to Mr Haunch for all his coaching and organising. A lot of time was given up in preparation for this year's tournament. Also thanks to Michelle Campbell and Judy Benjamin for all their help during the week. And to our parents who came over and helped with food, strapping, coaching and great side-line support.

Looking forward to next year's Tournament in Reefton!

Belinda Grice

Sports Co-ordinator

PS: We have had amazing results at Trials in Murchison! The following students will be travelling to Rotorua in July to compete at the National Area School's Tournament.

Grace Mytton, Lacey Burnett, Janette Chetham, Rosa Cameron, Tom Haunch, Flynn Morgan and Motu Harris.







### Tapawera TOSI team

Mariah Goldsworthy  
Lacey Burnett  
Rosa Cameron  
Jordan Teague  
Aleisha Oakley  
Alicia Culling  
Grace Mytton  
Lily Quan  
Olive Ellis-Oldham  
Janette Chetham  
Tom Haunch  
Hoani Goldsworthy  
Matua Carleton-Heta  
Kahu Carleton-Heta  
Jed Ellis-Oldham  
Asher Beganio  
Jack Hicks  
Motu Harris  
Ryan Jones  
Flynn Morgan



Touch Team



Technical Challenge – Raft Building  
Then Raft Race as part of Triathlon



Obstacle Course





## Netball Courts

It was a rainy lonely Wednesday as I glanced at the window watching the raindrops drizzle until they came to a sudden stop. I spotted out the corner of my eye that we were passing the netball courts. The courts look so different in the middle of the week. So lonely.

It's like an abandoned ghost town with lonely spirits traveling around the courts, there was nothing to be heard and no one to be seen. The netball posts were standing high with raindrops dripping off the rims. It was like they were crying, there was no one there to use them, no one there to show them love. Below them on the cold hard concrete their tears were building up into wet sloppy puddles. When you looked at the empty courts it would make you think of those desert scenes in movies when there is no one to be seen except for a little brown airy tumbleweed.

As a few days had gone by it was time for my game I was ready for it. As I put my foot onto the court I feel all these netball vibes fill my body.

The courts look so different on a Saturday, people are rushing out the gates like over filled sinks. Kids are screaming and jumping like children on the worlds worst sugar rush. Every time you turn your head you see and hear nets swishing, whistles blowing and families cheering. You start to feel light headed everything is happening at once you don't know where to look. The posts move side to side it's like they are doing a victory dance. They are loving the attention and never want it to end. Even the court is loving it. It's so busy that when your family wants to find you - they have to play 'Where's Wally' because you are impossible to find.

The netball courts are so different when it comes to the middle of the week V Saturday I personally enjoy Saturdays because I get to play on the courts.

By Kara Page (Year 9)

## Stanley's Cafe

Open 10:15am - 11am

In the new kitchen beside  
Room 6

We will have.....

Coffee \$3.00 (Cappuccino, Latte, Flat  
White, Long Black, Mocha, Hot Chocolate)

Scones \$2.00

Muffins \$3.00

You can pre order by emailing Miss Walsh

[gwalsh@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:gwalsh@tapawera.school.nz)

We would love to see you there.



## From the Library

Last term ended with an egg-decorating session in the library, mainly for the littlies but the concentration Flynn and Timo put into it had to be seen to be believed.

Our Richmond collection will be changed on Thursday so it's your last chance to let Cindy know if there's any certain Title or Author you'd like her to look for. She will be in the library on Wednesday.

We are still stocktaking so if anyone has an hour or two to spare just let us know. It's an easy job and a good way to see what books we have here.

Lucky Book Club orders are due back by this Friday but we do our best to obtain any late orders.

Happy Reading

Laree



## Relief Teacher Aid Vacancies

From time to time the school has the need for relief teacher aides.

If you are interested in becoming part of our relief teacher aide register please forward a letter of application to:  
[sellis@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:sellis@tapawera.school.nz)

For further information please phone Tanya Snackers.





## Kiwi Hoops Basketball programme

On Tuesday we started our Kiwi Hoops programme, run by the Nelson Giants. Kiwi Hoops is a Basketball New Zealand junior basketball programme aimed at age 5 to 13 years. It's all about having fun while learning some basic basketball skills.

We have been lucky enough to get Sam Dempster, Giants Captain coming to the school every Tuesday afternoon for this term.

Our first lesson was for Year 1's and 2's and they looked like they were having a blast!

## Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, please let the office know. You can do this by sending:

absentee message on Skool Loop, email to [office@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:office@tapawera.school.nz), or phone 5224337 and leave a message.

Also please ensure your child reports to the office if they arrive at school late and signs out if they must leave early.



## Students' Comments

### Godzone

Kerry Semmens participated in Godzone and I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of our school to Kerry for coming in and showing / telling us how long she trained every week and how much food she had to take, also the gear and I personally would like to say thank you.

*Amelia Hook*

What a women. I wish I could be like her. I love how she explained about the Godzone. Her legs must have been painful. I think she could run it again and I would really like to join in.

*Jack Collins*

Awesome job Kerry you did an awesome job. You are an inspiring person with amazing talent. I wish to do it when I'm older also. Congratulations for completing the course. You're amazing.

*Sarah Jones*

You were absolutely wonderful. I hope to be like you when I'm older. You had a rough time with Ian being sick but you finished without him. You were the best motivation, you motivated me as well. I hope you will do it next year too.

*Holly Jones*



## Tapawera Area School

Nominations are invited for the election of 2 vacancies for an eighteen month period and 3 vacancies for a 3 year period of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24 May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

**Voting closes at noon on the 7 June 2019**

Susan Ellis  
*Returning Officer*

## Students' Comments

### Sailing

Even though I've been sailing before in Year 7 I still had the adrenalin like it was my first time. I really enjoyed sailing because I love the ocean and the shimmery blue water. I recommend it for all ages.

*Katie Hicks*

Out on my made boat, out on its first voyage, but in the high seas speed was picking up.

*Oliver Dron*

Sailing was fun especially capsizing. I say it is fun for all years.

*Vince Imer*

Sailing was so much fun to do. I enjoyed making my boat and sailing along the sea with Te Maire and Sharlene. I would love to do it again.

*Rebecca Campbell*

### Rugby Trials at Murchison

On Monday I trialled for rugby, I played open side flanker and the lock. I played well and at 11.00 I played ki-o-rahi and I didn't trial that well and didn't get selected for it but in rugby I got selected for the starting blindside flanker.

*Flynn Morgan*

On Sunday 5 May I went to trials in Murchison. I was trialling for football and at the time I felt I was going pretty good and I must have because I got selected for the Top of the South Island Football team. I'm really pleased with myself for making it to Nationals.

*Lacey Burnett*

### For Sale

The school has received a donation of used hop bales as a fundraising project - approximate size is the same as a wool bale. These are ideal for garden rubbish. \$10.00 each and can be purchased from the school office.

### South Island Secondary Athletics

It was a challenging competition and I was unlucky not to get 1<sup>st</sup> but it's good to say that I am 2<sup>nd</sup> best at Javelin throwing for 13 year old boys in the South Island. My best throw was in the 30s which is pretty good. The guy in 1<sup>st</sup> got in the 40s so it was a win well earned.

*Tom Haunch*





# NELSON INDUSTRY & TRADES EXPO

**WHERE:** TRAFALGAR CENTRE, 7 Paru Paru Road, Nelson

**WHEN:** TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019

**TIME:** 4:00PM—6:30PM

**INDUSTRY & PROVIDERS** Beca Engineering NZ, Civil Contracting, Fulton Hogan, Fonterra, Gibbons Construction, Kono, Nelson City Council, Nelson Forests,

**ATTENDING:** Nelson District Health Board, Port Nelson, Talley's, TIL Freight, Trinder Engineering, Wilsons Abel Tasman, Wai-west Horticulture BCITO, MITO, Connexis, The Skills Organisation, Primary ITO, Service IQ, NMIT, Top of the South Trades Academy

**COME ALONG TO CHAT TO EMPLOYERS—ASK QUESTIONS,  
SUSS OUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS**



**WHO IS INVITED:** ALL INTERESTED YEAR 11— YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

**REGISTER ATTENDANCE BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/2G8ev1e>

**OR REGISTER WITH YOUR CAREERS ADVISOR BY 21 MAY 2019**



***Come join us for a Challenging Behaviours in Under 5's***

***Talk with Karitane Nurse Leanne from Plunket and***

***Public Health Nurses Karen & Val***

***Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am***

***Tapawera School music room (across the tennis courts)***

***Hear about strategies to help guide you in parenting your  
pre-schoolers challenging behaviours and conduct.***

***Approx 90 minutes***

***Enquiries: Karen 027 451 3674***

## **Sherry Valley Honey School Honey Sales**

From every 500 gram pot sold 50c will be donated to a school trip or activity.

Raw Manuka 500gm	\$15.50
Raw Native Blend 500 gm	\$7.50
Raw Clover Blend 500gm	\$7.50

Available from the school office.

## **SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

School trustee elections are coming up.

**Step forward  
for our schools**



Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

@ [trustee-election.co.nz](https://trustee-election.co.nz)

📞 0800 353 284

✉ [electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz)

## **What is a school board of trustees?**

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

## **Who can become a trustee?**

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

## **What do trustees do?**

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

## **What skills do trustees need?**

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

## **What help do school trustees get?**

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.