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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

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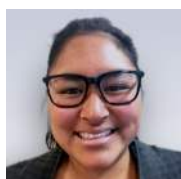
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Whai ake i ngā whetū – Reaching for the stars together

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are now half-way through the year, and at the end of each term we like to look back on all the achievements to date. Epuni School has had great success in term two across sports, with Tamariki enjoying netball, basketball and rugby, plus two Tamariki competing in the Interzone competition and subsequently qualifying for the regional cross-country competition.

Performing Arts also stood out with the tireless work of Whaea Karen and the Kapa Haka group, plus other exciting toe tapping lessons for all. Plus, the arts continues to shine across the school with beautiful depictions of purakau throughout the corridors and classrooms.

We are delighted at the wonderful opportunities Tamariki had through term 2 to align learning with our **Strategic Aim 3 - Be Kaitiaki for our environment**. The school embraced learning opportunities outside the classroom, with excursions including a trip to Zealandia for the junior school and the senior team walking up Summit Road to view our maunga and other significant areas of our school kōrero.

You may have noticed a number of property projects underway across the school, and we are pleased to see these are all being completed on time and within budget. In our most recent meeting, the Board was presented with an updated attendance report from the Ministry of Education. The new format will provide greater insights into attendance records and identify opportunities to keep this moving up.

We continue to explore a possible name change for the school in respect of Hōniana Te Puni who the school was named after. Currently we are liaising with descendants of Hōniana Te Puni. Our next steps will include sharing more information and hearing thoughts from Tamariki and the school community. We are excited to be on this journey with everyone.

Lastly, but far from least, we are pleased to welcome Colleen Moffat as the new Board Secretary. We look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Happy and safe holidays to all Whānau, we look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Board positions – we are always keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining the Board. The next elections will be held in early 2025, so if you'd like to know more about what is involved in being a Board member, please feel free to reach out to any of us if you see us around, or email epunibot@epuni.school.nz

Ki te Kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati.

When we stand alone we are vulnerable, but together we are unbreakable.

(A whakatauki that recognises community – we all have something to offer and by working together, everyone will flourish.)



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