



MATIPO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To the Parents of Matipo School

From the Commissioner of Matipo School, Bruce Adin.

Kia Ora Everyone,

It seems that the old Chinese curse applies to us all these days "May you live in interesting times". We certainly do.

This year has been challenging for everyone and Matipo School has been no exception. However, the school has met the challenges squarely and the education of the students has continued despite pandemic, lockdowns, vaccination rules etc. A huge thank you to the Principal and all the staff for ensuring that the school continued to operate effectively and to you, the parents, for so ably supporting your children's learning under difficult circumstances.

I have been the Commissioner at Matipo School for over a year now and a key objective of my role is to prepare the school to resume self governance again.

Many of the reasons that caused the school to be placed into statutory intervention at Commissioner level, have now been addressed. The working atmosphere within the school is positive and collegial and the school Principal and staff enjoy good relationships with many of the parents. The school Principal is now well established in his role.

We have made adjustments to the staffing structure and the budget of the school to ensure it will now be living within its means. We do await an interim report from ERO which I would expect to receive by March or April.

School board elections nationally have been postponed by the Ministry from May 2022 to September 2022. My aim is for the Matipo School community to be able to elect a school board in September 2022 when the school board elections are being held nationally. However, that is not my decision to make as it sits with the Ministry but I am optimistic.

By way of preparation, I would like to establish a Parents Advisory Group to work with me and the Principal. This group would be able to provide parental input into school decisions and they would gain an insight into the operation of the school which could assist them in standing for election to the school board in September if they so wished. There is no fixed size to the group but somewhere about 8 to 10 parents would be practical. The Group would meet once a month in the evenings at school and I envisage the first meeting would be in late February 2022.

If you are interested in being a member of the Parents Advisory Group please email me at: bruce.w.adin@gmail.com

Nga mihi nui,


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