

What can you do?

Support your kids.
Listen to them.
Help them.

That's the most important thing you can do.

Being a teenager isn't easy—and neither is being a parent! So find others to help.

And support them through any exams...

Pay School Donations

Running a school costs a lot. And we do need all we can get. So please contribute by paying any outstanding school donations.

You can also get involved...

Come to BOT meetings or get involved with one of the school support groups..

PTA

Whanau Support Group

Who is your BOT?

Jonas Hapuku—Chairman
Bill O'Connor—Deputy
Ross Millar—Secretary
Robbie Neha
Steve Sprout
John Tylden
Paul Wood
Gerhard van Dyk—Acting Principal
Julie-Anne Havill—Staff Rep
Maihi (Ted) Wineti—Student Rep

Plus Hineihaea Murphy—LSM

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Fairfield College BoT
keeping in touch with the
Fairfield Community

Term 4, 2011

Got BOTential >>>

Kia ora te whanau

This is the first of our once-a-term flyers letting you know what your BOT is up to.

We were voted in in July. We've just started.

Most of you will know that the school had some raruraru (trouble) over the past few years and a commissioner was appointed to run the school. The commissioner has gone and been replaced by the board and a LSM (Limited Statutory Manager).

The LSM is Hineihaea Murphy. She is responsible for the school's finances and appointing staff—including the new principal.

Applications for new principal have been received and interviews held. Some of the BOT were on the interview panel, giving Hineihaea advice. The new principal should be starting in Term 1, 2012. The school and BOT will let you know who has been appointed..

What we've done so far...

We know that the last few years have been tough... and we want to acknowledge that. So one of the first things the BOT did was host a morning tea, and thank staff who have stuck around.

20 seconds later, a staff member came up and said, "Thank you. That's the first time anyone's ever acknowledged that we've been through tough times." For us—that felt like we'd started off right.

Reconciliation Hui

The BOT also held a reconciliation hui at Te Aratiatia marae. About 60 people turned up— past and present staff, concerned families and others. Thanks... your thoughts were heard, and will help shape our decisions.

And training...

Every second week we've been having training on how to do our job properly. That's been funded by the Ministry of Education—so it doesn't come out of the school budget. Thanks MoE! Nice one.

Good News

At our BOT meetings, we've started sharing good news stories. Here's some...

Senior Prize-Giving and Sports Awards

Congrats to all involved. Brilliant!

Four of our Rugby Sevens girls got into the Waikato side. That's half a team!

Awesome kapa haka! Kia kaha to Heemi Walker and his team.

Student Teachers

Last term seven student teachers were at FairCol—and they were really positive about the time. One even changed her mind and decided she really did like teaching after all.

Another—ex FairCol student Kate Davison—directed **Romeo & Juliet**. Great performances.

Suspension

What? Suspension hearings are not good news, you say. But sometimes good things happen in them. This is part of BOT work.

One mother came to a suspension hearing and said after, "I'm so glad I came." BOT members tried to find options for her child—and she was so appreciative. So yes there can be good news even in unlikely places.