

## Waimate High School Board of Trustee's Chairpersons report 2019

In the last 12 months we had the pleasure of welcoming the Education Review office into the school and this was a positive experience. The Board of Trustees should take great pride in assuring the review officers that student achievement was at the forefront in every aspect of the school. We should never forget everything we do ultimately is aimed at our strategic goal of Excellent Student Achievement.

Year after year I have highlighted that everyone involved with Waimate High School is not only crucial to its success but also is involved in a learning environment for all. Bringing everyone together will always lead to different opinions and different ways of achieving goals. To ensure a process that will be fair equitable and collaborative there needs to be rules and guidelines. These rules are ultimately set at governance level in the form of our policies. Over the last three years the board has developed reviewed and improved policies as required and moving forward needs to improve this along with enforcing them.

One process for sure that will enable maximum student achievement is the triangulated engagement of Student parents/Caregiver and staff of this school, working in a collaborative motivating approach to achievement. That engagement will always be rewarded with success. The active participation of Waimate High School in the Waimate Community of Learning are steps in the right direction to achieving this goal.

Staff of the school obviously play a major significant role in achievement not only of the students but also the parents' caregivers and the Waimate Community. Whilst our benchmark for success is Student Achievement the staff of this school is the major asset to achieving that goal. Their wellbeing and development is crucial.

Recently I asked a couple of questions of a few students.

Question one: Who they thought who the most important person at Waimate High School?

Question two: Who the most important group of people is?

Without doubt the most important group of people at Waimate High School is and needs to be is the students. Accordingly, the most

important person at the school is the individual student. Over the last 9 years of being a trustee of the school I have seen significant improvements in student achievement, and this is reflected in the current students of this school.

I would like to thank all the trustees for their input over the last 3 years but also more so, for their input in the last 12 months.

Moving forward the incoming board will face challenges and I wish them well in the years to come and if they keep Student Achievement at the forefront like the present board then they will be successful

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