



## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### **From the Board of Trustees**

*Kia ora Parents and Caregivers*

The Board has finalised our Charter and Strategic Plan and our Strategic Property Plan. Both documents have been the culmination of many months work beginning last year with our Community Consultation. Our Strategic Goals for the next three years will centre on:

- Our Special Character
- Independent Learning
- Wellbeing and
- Sustainability and Environmental Awareness.

These strategic goals were selected based on the feedback from the school community last year.

A 3-stage Property Plan has also now been finalised for the development of the school facilities over the next 5- 10 years. The first phase of this plan will see a number of initiatives with the largest being:

- the re-surfacing of the “up-top” netball courts and
- the installation of a large shade sail within the school grounds.

All decisions being subject to the approval of the Ministry of Education and the Catholic Schools Office.

Both plans can be found on our website under ‘policies’ including an abridged ‘visual’ version and we invite and encourage parents to take some time to read through these documents to see in more detail the future direction for our school.

We are fortunate to have a wonderfully vibrant learning environment for our children and we envisage an exciting future for our school that continues to build on these foundations.

On that note, I would like to congratulate Marieke Zieleman, Nikki Flexman, Aaron Delacey and newcomer Graeme Twose and welcome them to the GSS Board of Trustees. No election was required on this occasion, so we thank those who stood this time around. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members, Jane Jeffery, Ken Pickering and Jo Rose Kerrison. Their work and commitment on the board has been huge and greatly appreciated. We wish them and their families God’s blessings – no doubt they will be just as involved in their children’s current schools!

We also congratulate Carla Butcher and Helen Twose who join Leonie Lewthwaite and Sarah McHardy onto the PTA executive. We look forward to continuing an excellent working relationship with this wonderful team.

*Nga mihi*

***Katherine McGillivray***  
***Chairperson***