

# Board Members

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## Thank you to all the Bayview Upstanders

A lot of the extra activities offered by Bayview School rely on the support of volunteers to help make them happen.

We would like to offer our thanks to all those who volunteer their time with the walking school buses, sports teams, art projects, help on school trips, and especially the parents who attended the recent school camp.

We couldn't offer our children as much without you.



## It's that time in the life of a school board: Elections

Following procedures developed by the Ministry of Education, every state school throughout the country is currently preparing to vote for their board of trustees.

These are the group of people elected by a school community to govern the school for the next three years.

But what is a board, and who can be on it?

### What is the role of the Board of Trustees?

The board is the governing body of the school, with overall responsibility to ensure the school complies with legislation.

Put simply, the board's job is to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and in the best interests of the students.

It's legally responsible for the school's curriculum (what the school teaches), property, personnel (including staff and

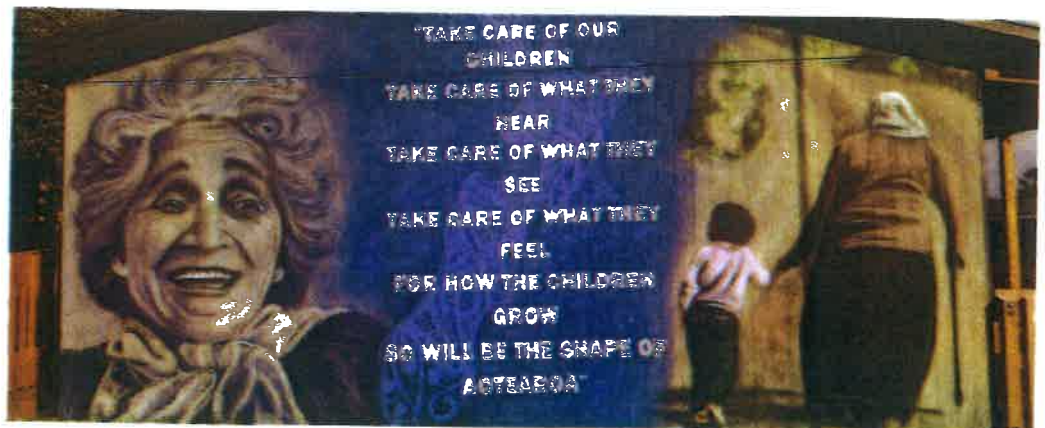
student wellbeing), school finances and health and safety.

Boards determine the long-term strategic direction for the school by setting the school's charter, strategic plan and budget.

The school management and staff handles the running of the school on a day-to-day basis. The Board are the governors and the Principal and staff are the managers.

The Board and senior management meet on a regular basis to provide support and to engage in the oversight of the school's plans.

Discussions focus on the budgets to ensure everything is on track, allocate funding for significant maintenance, alerts to any health and safety incidents, review the student academic results at a high level and address any new initiatives or concerns raised by the Principal.



### Who can be on a board?

Parents, caregivers or people from the local community can all serve as school trustees.

While no specific skills or experience are required, a commitment to enhancing children's education is an obvious focus. Skills that can benefit a board include financial or legal know-how,

strategic thinking, the ability to work effectively within a team, the ability to problem-solve, or think 'outside the box', construction or building experience, previous governance roles or project management.

The school Principal and a staff-elected representative (typically a teacher) make up the whole Board of Trustees.



### Board of Trustee Elections: How can I get involved?

If you think you have governance skills or experience that would benefit Bayview School in the 2019-22 term, stand in the coming election!

Nominations are open from Monday 8th - Friday 24th May 2019. A nomination form will be posted to all school families. You can nominate yourself, or with their consent, another person. If there are more nominations than vacancies on the board for parent representatives (which are currently set at 5), then an election will be held on or before Wednesday 29th May, 2019.

Even if you don't want to run, make sure you vote in the election! A board is only as effective as the people that serve on it.

We are fortunate to have a history of strong, effective leadership, as recognised by our most recent ERO report (available on the school's homepage), and with your vote you can ensure this continues in the years to come.

If you have any questions about being on the board, don't hesitate to ask.

A list of current trustees is available at [www.bayview.school.nz/bot](http://www.bayview.school.nz/bot), or you can contact the current Board Chair, Dr Dan Hikuroa, via the school email address [office@bayview.school.nz](mailto:office@bayview.school.nz).

Questions about nominations and voting can be directed to the returning officer, Shannon Sofea, at the same address, or visit the school office

"Ma te tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai" - literally by many, by thousands, the work will be accomplished, and meaning many hands make light work.

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## Your contribution

Money, Money, Money. No, it's not a throw-back to an ABBA hit of yesteryear, but a genuine concern for many young families. As parents with school-aged children ourselves, we're aware of how much they can cost to raise and thus strive to keep requests for voluntary donations, necessary payments for events and activities (such as student's involvement in sports), and school fund-raising to a minimum.

Apart from the necessary payments for things like sports and class trips, once the school's legal financial obligations are met, it's largely at the board's discretion as to how any money donated to school is spent.

Your donations make a significant difference to the operations of the school.

The current Board has prioritised spending on long-term projects that will benefit the school for many years to come, but may not be immediately apparent in the short-term.

Projects have included the upkeep and improvement of property (for example, replacing rooves and flooring, beginning to update bathrooms and toilets) and modernising play areas, like the bike track, netball and basketball courts.

One large project that has been enthusiastically embraced by the entire school community is the replacement of the existing 40-year old 'senior' playground.



Over the past two years, \$50,000 has been raised to go towards this ambitious project!

Votes have recently been cast to determine what the new playground will look like, meaning we can now confirm the plan with the winning concept's designer and finalise the cost of the entire project - likely to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.



We are currently in the process of applying for additional funding from external grants to 'top up' the fundraising efforts to date.

All fundraising planned for the rest of the year - including our biennial whole-school production - will go towards the development of the new playground.

Below is the design of the new senior playground that was voted for by the children and the community.



## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

It is with huge pride and appreciation that the out-going Board gives heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Bayview School staff for their relentless dedication to their work over the past three years, particularly during the past few months.

Term one was a very long and eventful term, with the eagerly-anticipated senior camp and school trips being juggled with the inevitable upheaval of settling into new classrooms with new teachers and some illnesses that seemed to spread like wild-fire!

Throughout it all, our staff remained unwavering in their support and care of all of Bayview's children. This was especially apparent in the wake of the events of March 15th, which were handled with such care and sensitivity by staff.

Many of you have thanked your child(ren)'s teacher personally - thank you all for continuing to remind them how much they are appreciated!

**Nga mihi maioha,**

**The 2016-19 Bayview Board of Trustees**

