

# BAYVIEW SCHOOL BOARD

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2026



Kia ora Team Bayview,

As the first term of 2026 is coming to an end, we thought it would be good to share with you what the Bayview School Board has been working on so far this year.

During our first meeting of the year, we re-elected Luke Roberts as our presiding member.

We also worked with Brenda Macpherson from the Māori Achievement Collaborative (MAC) who facilitated a discussion about the Board's duties around Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We have also signed off on the 2025 finances and the 2026 budget.

The Board has completed a Board Assurance statement around ensuring we are compliant with all legislation and statutory requirements.

We hope you all got to enjoy the recent disco and that you have a wonderful Easter break.

## ATTENDANCE

The government has mandated that all schools have an attendance plan to lift regular student attendance at school. School leadership, boards, parents and the Ministry of Education all play key roles in supporting students to attend school – and addressing absence when it occurs. Lifting school attendance is our shared responsibility. We have a target in our annual plan this year (based on our legal requirements) for 80% of students are present for more than 90% of each term. So far Bayview is doing a really great job of getting learners to school regularly and on time. For learners who have started to show a poor attendance we follow the Ministry of Education Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) framework which provides a series of activities that should be considered when students meet certain absence thresholds.

## PROPERTY PROJECTS

We have several property projects completed and in the works.

- Over the summer Air con was installed in Habitats 17-20, painting was completed in the hall entrance, kitchen and bathrooms, and there was a complete exterior wash of the school.
- The Habitat 12 bathrooms have been closed due to a serious water leak. A request for remediation was lodged with the Ministry of Education and we are waiting on confirmation of funding from them. .
- The gates that section off the internal courtyard are at end of life and we in the process of getting some quotes to replace these.
- We are looking into getting updated quotes to turn our central courtyard into a junior play space.



## Bayview School Board Members

### **Presiding Member**

Luke Roberts

### **Elected Parent Representatives**

Jacob Allison

Joy Davidson

Shar Lee

Rachel Mousley

### **Staff Representative**

Janelle Staples

### **Principal**

Diane Raynes

## NEW CURRICULUM UPDATES

We have continued to get updates on how the school is responding to [major curriculum changes](#) as the government has shifted from a broad, flexible curriculum to a more detailed, year-by-year “knowledge-rich” curriculum, intended to ensure greater consistency across schools. Bayview has been successfully introducing the refreshed national curriculum with clearer, year-by-year expectations, especially in reading, writing and maths. Children are now taught using more structured approaches, with daily time set aside for these core areas, to help ensure consistent learning and earlier support if needed. We have been impressed by how the leadership team and teachers are dealing with these changes and helping our tamariki thrive as they shift to these new curriculum requirements.

You may be hearing the terms **Phase 1** and **Phase 2**. This is because our new curriculum has moved away from using levels and has moved into phases. Phase 1 is designed for year 0 - 3 learners and Phase 2 is designed for year 4 - 6 learners.

## Upcoming ERO Review

The school is preparing for its next Education Review Office (ERO) review, which will take place in Term 2 or 3. The [last review](#) was in 2023. The ERO review is an independent check of how well a school is supporting students' learning and wellbeing. ERO looks at things like teaching quality, student progress, leadership, and how the school works with families and the community. The purpose of the review is to highlight what the school is doing well and what it can improve, helping schools continue to give children the best possible education.

## Board Meeting Dates 2026

21st May

25th June

20th August

24th September

5th November

3rd December

All school board meetings are open to the public as observers. Contact one of our board members if you are interested in attending.

**The board would like to acknowledge the amazing mahi of our teachers, leadership, kaiawhina (teacher aides) and support staff during this challenging time in education. We recognise the huge amount of brain power it has taken to stay on top of all the new learning and changes that our staff have implemented and are grateful to work alongside such a passionate group of people.**