



BNS BOARD NEWS / POARI PĀNUI

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. Where does the time go?

The board would like to acknowledge and thank all our school staff for their hard work in 2023. We know that staff in small schools have to wear many hats, so their seemingly tireless contributions are very much appreciated.

Our heart-felt thanks to Jan and Anne-Marie for the extraordinary amount of work they have done for our school this year. In fact, it is 30 years since Anne-Marie first began working at BNS! Her dedication to the teaching profession and fondness for our school community is a great asset.

Jan's successful funding application to renew our old playground has been wonderful news as the year ends. Thanks are due to the Lion Foundation for their further support of our school.

We are sorry to be losing Dan Oades (teacher in Room 5) and wish him all the best for his new teaching position. Students have loved being in his classes and the school production he wrote will live long in the memories of many.

With the school nearing its 60th year, the board have had to deal with planned (and unplanned) building maintenance and infrastructure work. It will be great to have teachers and students returning to newly renovated rooms and we thank them for their adaptability while a variety of work was done.

Our next building project is to renovate the school hall. These projects can take time and cause disruption at times, so we thank everyone for their patience, understanding, and support as we continue to improve our school property.

We are also enhancing the natural environment, after having to remove a number of mature trees which were suitable for the site 60 years ago, but which became problematic or unhealthy in the past few years. The new plantings will, as they grow, provide more shade in summer and colour at other times of the year.

A thank-you to parent and whānau helpers who have assisted in ways big and small throughout the year. This helps lighten the load for our teachers, but also builds a good spirit within our community.

Our best wishes go to students and their families who are leaving BNS for the next step in their education.

We wish everybody in our school whānau a safe and happy summer break. Be careful around water, cover up when out in the sun, and don't forget to read some books!

Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa,

Greg, Matt, Liz, Robin, Tania, Jan and Anne-Marie