Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Firstly I would like to welcome the new board members to the Kaharoa School BOT. It was incredibly positive to see new names put forward for Trustee election and also the great number of votes made by the parents of Kaharoa School. This shows the strong community connection our school has with this area and the wonderful support our families have for Kaharoa School.

We have recently had a positive start as our first meeting as a new board. There is always so much to take in as well as getting to know each other personally. The board has also attended some personal development through a Board Essentials workshop.

It has been great to see a resolution between school teachers and our government over the recently strikes for salary increases. These salary increases didn't include our primary school principals, who are now moving into discussions with the Government for pay parity with their secondary school principal colleagues. We as a board fully back our Principal's position and support the necessary steps needed to push for a successful outcome.

One thing that we should all appreciate is all the extra activities that teachers and support staff organize so our tamariki have a wide range of educational choice. At the moment there is singing and choir with Evelyn Faulkner, end of year production practice coming up as well as the visiting Life Education Trust. These things make learning fun and keep our students engaged.

And to finish on another positive note is it's nice to be this side of the winter solstice and to think summer is on the way.

Nga Mihi

Tony Thaugland

Board Chair