

## **BOT Update: September Meeting**

- 1) Careers/STAR/Gateway Report – this comprehensive and informative report was presented to us by Careers Adviser Christine Dixon and Gateway Coordinator Justine Ramsay. The College is very fortunate to have two such dedicated and experienced people leading this critical area of our Curriculum. There is an extensive and varied input with all of our students especially through their senior years offering guidance, information and experience. Their connections with our local business people are vital in making our students' workplace experience and job placements such a possibility and success.
- 2) The School's 10YPP [Ten Year Property Plan] has been signed off – this includes \$1.765 million for the next five year period. This will be used to finish off the Tech Block upgrade and do the refurbishment of the Health Centre and B1.
- 3) Board Succession planning was discussed as there will be possibly two vacancies arising in the triennial elections in May 2016. It is important we start looking now for possible replacements for these positions – 'shoulder tapping' is often the best way to approach possible candidates for these roles, remembering that it does not need to be a parent but could be a member of the community. Any interested person should contact one of the standing Trustees for more information and encouragement!
- 4) We were privileged to be invited to the Māori and Pasifika Celebration Day held recently in the Marae. It was testament to the hardwork, belief and dedication of all the staff involved - especially Kathleen West, Kathy Anso, Con Emery, Maria Rauhihi and Cath Parr. It was also testament to the success of these students in their school life and of the fine young leaders that are evolving.
- 5) Our 2014 Audit has been completed by the local auditors Finn & Partners. Their report confirmed our sound and responsible practices.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 28 October in the Staffroom at 7pm after the Sports Appreciation Evening.