

Summary of Te Awamutu College Board of Trustees meeting 27 July 2016

- There was robust discussion in relation to “bring your own device” (BYOD) to enhance teaching and learning. Feedback from the Teacher Only Day was tabled. Teachers have had to, and continue to upskill. Draft specifications are being prepared in readiness for Year 9 enrolment 2017.
- Thorough discussion was had in relation to Communities of Learning and the Rural and Roses cluster. The Rural and Roses cluster has warmly invited ALL schools to join any inquiry group that suits them and this is working well. Our focus is not just the well-being and learning of our own students but those in the wider community. We continue to listen, watch and inquire into what is the best way forward.
- The Principal reported on:
 - ❖ The success of the school production of Grease. Congratulations to all those involved.
 - ❖ Mufti Day raised \$1680 for Child Cancer Foundation. Again, congratulations to all who were involved in the organisation of this.
 - ❖ “Half Eaten Pie” – TAC Band triumphed at Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final. Well done.
 - ❖ Battle of Waipa Tournament – held at Cambridge High School – TAC were winners of Master Chef and Volleyball. Well done.
 - ❖ School Ball – The theme was James Bond 007 – This was an elegant and very pleasant occasion enjoyed by everyone – well done to Jennifer Sinclair and the Ball Committee.
 - ❖ Junior Report Evening had a great turnout from parents/caregivers and students. It is always encouraging to see the growth and development of these educationally powerful connections.
 - ❖ Inter-House Singing and Haka. This was an outstanding competition which saw Selwyn take out the win.
 - ❖ Culinary Fare – Wintec – TAC students won the Waikato Regional title which puts them through to the national final in Auckland.
 - ❖ Winter Sports continue. Many thanks to players, coaches, managers and supporters who turn up week after week proudly representing the college.
 - ❖ Assessment Week is 8-12 August (Week 3)
 - ❖ Course Selection for 2017 (Yrs 9-12) will be 15 – 26 August.
 - ❖ Term 3 looks like being another very busy term with an already full calendar of events.
 - ❖ Dental Care. Please remember, if your child is under 18 years old dental care is free.
 - ❖ We were sad to hear of the passings of: – Paul Hobbs (ex staff) , Aleesha Tait (ex student) and Bruce Dale (ex staff). Our sympathy is extended to all family and whānau.
 - ❖ Alistair Malcolm is currently on extended sick leave – his Hard Materials classes have been disbanded. Parents/caregivers have been informed and

staff have assisted affected students with class changes. Every effort has been made to make this transition as smooth as possible.

- The Caretaker's house upgrade has been completed. We hope this makes it more cosy and comfortable. It is a valuable asset for the school.
- WorkSafe are offering health and safety workshops.
- Policies will be updated in light of the Health and Safety at Work Act and Vulnerable Children's Act and made available for the next meeting.
- The Finance Report was tabled. School accounts are in a healthy state. The Auditor's Report is expected soon.
- The Rogers Trust accounts are being finalised.
- Correspondence both incoming and outgoing was tabled.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place in the College Staff Room on Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 6.30pm.

Ruth Foulkes

(Board Chairperson)