



# RED BEACH SCHOOL

*A community empowering  
life long learners to achieve  
and make a difference*

## Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 2 - June 2011

### Board of Trustees:

*Principal:* Lesley Tait

*Staff Trustee:* Denise O'Reilly

*Chair:* Malcolm Haggerty

*Parent Elected Trustees:*

Anthony Wentworth, Chris Millar,  
Andy Mount, Wayne Blomfield.

You are welcome to attend the  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Meeting Room - second Tues  
of the month at 7.00pm  
Please feel free to contact  
the BOT by email  
[BOT@redbeach.school.nz](mailto:BOT@redbeach.school.nz)

## REVIEW

As part of  
our three year cycle we  
have been reviewing  
the following:

#### • Financial Review

A review was completed  
and presented by  
Leading Edge Services—  
(specialists in school  
finances). The review  
was well received by the  
Board and a number of  
the recommendations  
are to be implemented.

#### • Empowerment

A report on this vision  
concept and it's effect on  
student performance was  
reviewed. Highlights:  
95% of students surveyed  
in 2010 were able to  
describe their own  
learning and identify  
their next learning  
steps (compared to  
only 10% in 2008).

- Behaviour Mgmt Policy
- Governance Policies.

## Boiler - Hot Topic

The explosion at Orewa College last year has prompted The Board to review the way the school is heated. After reviewing our options and receiving feedback from experts and our community, it was decided that the best and safest course of action was to move to gas. Project Managers have been engaged to manage this conversion and at the May meeting The Board approved a tender to get this project underway. As winter is fast approaching this conversion is a priority. Funding for this project has come from The Ministry and was set aside for unexpected property issues

## Staff Facilities Complete

Thank you so much to those parents who joined us recently to share in the blessing of our new staff facilities. Our staff are now moved in and are enjoying the new and improved space which includes meeting rooms, staff room/kitchen and the revamped resource room.

We are delighted with our new building — although the school will be funding some aspects, 93% of the funding to build such a facility came directly to the BOT from the government, who acknowledged that our previous space was inadequate for the 85 adults who now work at Red Beach School. This government funding was specifically tied to upgrading the administration block and could not be used for any other property projects.

## Website Facelift

The school website is about to get a makeover. Look out for a brand new and improved portal in the next few months. The updated site will give you better access to key information and improve communication in general.

## Support Our Outstanding Teachers

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards program. The awards program provides a rare opportunity to publicly recognise and encourage our outstanding teachers and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. It's the only independent national awards program where school communities, Boards, parent associations, individual parents and community organisations can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence.

Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEiTA Certificate of Registration and become candidates for NEiTA Regional and National Awards. Nomination forms and further information about this award are attached OR nominate online at [www.neita.org.nz](http://www.neita.org.nz).

