



# FLAXMERE COLLEGE

## Te Kāreti o Paharakeke

May, 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Kia orana whānau, due to the recent rahui and the timing of this coinciding with the Principal appointment process, the Board of Trustees decided to suspend the appointment process until Term 3, 2020. Jim Hay-Mackenzie has been appointed as Acting Principal of Flaxmere College until 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.*

*This is to provide ongoing stability now and in the coming months as we work together to support our students, and each other, in what is an unsettling time.*

*We would like to thank all staff, students and whānau for their resilience and hard work, especially in the last several weeks, and for their ongoing support of Jim in his role.*

*Kia kaha and blessings. Taime Pareanga Samuel, QSM, Board Chairperson*

Tēnā koutou katoa.

I would like to thank all of our whānau and students for their support over the past 8 weeks. Your support in encouraging and helping your young person with their distance learning programme is appreciated. Our teacher's job, with your support, is to continue to work with students to ensure they are equipped to continue their learning at school and to achieve success. You can help us with this by ensuring they attend school regularly (unless they are sick) and check in with us on their progress at upcoming Whānau Learning Conference days.

I would like to mention and thank all of our staff for their hard work during the rahui to continue with the learning programme. Contacting students, providing workbooks, arranging online classes—this came with a number of challenges, but staff continued to hold your young person at the centre of everything they did. Thank you to whānau who rang, emailed or messaged the school to show your appreciation of this work.

Students have returned to classes and are engaged in their learning. Strict hygiene practices are in place, along with class by class contact tracing.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please be assured we will keep you up to date with any new information via our school **facebook page**, via email and newsletters.

*Nga mihi, Jim Hay-Mackenzie, Acting Principal*

### LET'S CATCH UP ON SOME GREAT STUFF THAT HAPPENED PRIOR TO THE RAHUI ...

We held an afternoon tea with whānau and our 2020 Student Leadership team last term, and invited Ana Apatu to join us and speak to the students about leadership. Ana is the Chief Executive of the Wharariki Trust and also a board member on the Hastings District Health Board. It was lovely to hear Ana's down to earth advice about living life and not sweating the small stuff :)



## CHICKENS A WELCOME SURPRISE FOR FLAXMERE COLLEGE

A donation of 50 chickens is not something that schools receive very often, but Flaxmere College was happy to accept prior to lockdown.

The Bostock Brothers Organic Free Range Chickens were left over from this year's Land Rover Horse of the Year. Wharariki Trust Chief Executive, Ana Apatu delivered the news on behalf of John Bostock, of Bostock New Zealand.

The donation left Flaxmere College hospitality teacher Stephanie Moore speechless. However, once delivered it was all hands-on deck to make the most of the generous delivery which also included buns, chutney, and mayonnaise.

"I think we pretty much had every oven in the school on to get these all cooked," Stephanie said.

Year 11 Hospitality students jumped on board to assist with the shredding of the chickens and serving these to students.

Student Shakharne Mason-Martin, who helped with serving the school, said it was such an "awesome" thing to be able to do and she loved being involved.

"It was fun, and the students were just so happy and thankful. Many students returned for seconds", she said.

Acting Principal Jim Hay-Mackenzie said: "We are really grateful to Bostock New Zealand and Ana from the Wharariki Trust for thinking of us and supporting our students and kura".

Bostock Brothers Co-Owner George Bostock said they had always wanted to support Flaxmere College in some way and when they had excess chicken from Horse of the Year, they got in touch with the school through Ana to donate the chicken.

"We are always pleased to support our local schools and Flaxmere community. It's great to see the students enjoying our healthy, organic chicken," he said.

Bostock Brothers has also been donating chicken to nearby Kimi Ora School to help provide school lunches for the children.



## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES REOPEN

Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from today, Monday 18 May.

If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.



## F R E E B R E A K F A S T !

All students are welcome to pop into the canteen dining room on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am to enjoy a free breakfast and good company! A big thanks to the Kickstart Breakfast programme for their support.

