

## Chairman's Letter July 2011

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. But so much has already been achieved by our kids, the staff and you, the community. I can also assure you that your Board of Trustees has also been busy. Some of the issues we have dealt with so far this year include:

- Review of the **Charter**, our school's guiding document, which can be viewed in the BOT page on the website. This includes all of our school's goals, both annual and long term.
- Periodic review of **student achievement information** which is presented to us by David Graham, including Reading and Spelling results in March, Maths and Writing information in May and more Reading results in June.
- The **reporting** to parents and caregivers of the kid's results has also been carefully considered, especially given new legislative requirements. Thanks to David and the staff for their hard work in this important area.
- The school's **Health & Safety Policy** and **Student Achievement Policy** have also been reviewed.
- A number of **property** related projects have been undertaken, including the driveway upgrade, the toilet block refurbishment and the school house refurbishment, amongst others. Thanks so much to all those involved.
- Our **financial resources** have also been carefully managed by your board, including the budget for 2011, a review of our 2010 results along with monthly reviews.
- We have appointed Murray Fletcher from the University of Waikato to assist us with this year's **principal's appraisal**.
- Many other issues, including managing to have a few laughs along the way.

For the remainder of the year, we will be involved in the continuation of many of the above points, as well as the ERO review in August and the pool heating project before the swimming season.

I would also like to acknowledge Toni Baker, who recently retired from the board. Toni has made a significant contribution to your school over the last four plus years. Thanks so much Toni. And we welcome Jason Cameron aboard to help us to steer the ship, hopefully for many years.

If there is anything you would like to know about the school or the board, visit the website at [www.karapiro.school.nz](http://www.karapiro.school.nz). Also, remember that the board serves and represents you, so always feel free to ring me or any of my fellow board members. With Family and School together we can help our kids grow and reach their potential and lead fulfilling lives.

Go Karapiro!

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Your board at work