

UPDATE FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Karapiro
School**
Whakatupu tahi tatau

The last two months have been busy ones for your Board of Trustees.

As most of you will know, in mid August our school was reviewed by the Education Review Office (ERO). ERO comprehensively reviewed Karapiro School in terms of our governance, student achievement, teaching, leadership, culture and community. As part of this process the board spent a morning with the ERO assessors giving presentations based on each of these areas.

Last week we received ERO's findings. They were **EXTREMELY** positive. In fact, ERO has said that they will not have to return to our school for 4 or 5 years instead of the normal 3 years. This puts Karapiro School in the **top 5%** of schools based on ERO's criteria. In fact, it is extremely rare for schools under 100 pupils to have such a long period between reviews and speaks volumes of ERO's confidence in us to continue and enhance the delivery of a high quality education to our kids.

When we receive the final report in a couple of weeks we will distribute copies to you all. It is only about 3 pages, so I would encourage you all to read it. After all, it is written for your benefit. And don't be too shy about telling everyone you know about it, especially if they have got pre-school kids!

Such a positive result does not just happen by accident. I would like to thank David and the staff, my fellow BOT team mates and the community.

The challenge now is to make our school even better, because our kids deserve nothing less.

Today marks on the completion of our school pool solar heating project. A big thanks to Craig Sulzberger for all of the behind-the-scenes work on this. This will extend the swimming season and prevent a few of those blue-lipped, teeth-chattering smiles on the kid's faces.

See you all on Ag Day next week. Go the All Blacks! And Go Karapiro!

Scott Smyth