

Board of Trustees News June 2015

- At the recent Board meeting, Sue presented the STAR results (Supplementary Test of Achievement in Reading), and while the overall results were not as high as in previous years (85% compared with 89% in 2014) they were still well ahead of national scores. Trustees discussed the support offered to students, possible reasons for a drop in performance, and likely targeted groups for increased teacher-aide time. We have increased teacher-aide time available, which will make a difference.
- The Board received a report on Technology at Year 7/8 from Dianne Simpson and Chris Ricketts, which shows that an excellent programme is being delivered.
- The installation of heat pumps into all classrooms and hand driers into the toilets are ongoing projects which are being investigated.
- The school has received an impressive ERO report which will be published soon. We have much to be proud of. The Board would like to extend their congratulations to the staff and Sue for all their hard work in preparing for this review and their input into this report.
- Trustees are working on their portfolios for the various roles they play on the Board. We are mindful that, with Board elections happening in 2016, we will need new members. With this in mind, we would like to invite any interested potential Board members to attend our next meeting on Monday 3rd August at 7pm with a view to being a part of the 2016 Board of Trustees. There will be time at that meeting to ask questions of current trustees. This is a rewarding and worthwhile role, so please consider coming along to find out more if you are interested.

Tamzin Darragh for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees