

Halcombe School BOT News

At its meeting on 7th November, the Board heard the annual presentations from our teachers on the work they have done to lift student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. The teachers have a lot of passion and commitment to achieving student goals, and this is evident in the results where teachers are using a wide range of teaching strategies.

In other business, the Board is currently working on the 10yr Property Plan, to assist with future property management. Based on a condition assessment of the school, the Board will then decide what needs to be carried out.

Standing reports were reviewed, including the '6 year net' reading tests, which showed excellent results, being far above national averages. The BOT also heard about what the school does to support students with learning needs.

Five trustees attended a workshop about the Vulnerable Children's Act and what this means for schools. The school's Child Protection Policies and Guidelines will be reviewed. The Board discussed what the school does for challenging and difficult behaviours. The BOT found this presentation very informative and were extremely happy with how the school currently handles these situations.

The next BOT meeting is on Monday 28 November.

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