



Term 1 - 2025

School BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Welcome to 2025!

BY DAN MAILATA, PRESIDING MEMBER

*Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana,
Bula & Greetings to you all,*

Honoring the Memory of Liz Amerika.

At the beginning of our school year, we lost our much-loved Receptionist, Liz Amerika. Liz dedicated 38 years of service to our school community, touching the lives of countless staff, parents, and students with her warmth and kindness. Her presence will always be felt in our school, and we will forever cherish the impact she made. We continue to keep Liz's husband Tua and the children in our prayers.

What a busy and exciting Term 1 we have had at our kura! We welcomed our new Middle School Principal, Estear Peaautau, marking a significant milestone for our Collegiate. Our roll continues to grow, and it's been inspiring to see the amazing learning happening both inside and outside the classrooms.

This year also marks the 50th Anniversary of Polyfest, and as one of the founding schools—formerly Otara College we are proud to celebrate this legacy.

A huge congratulations to our students who took part in Polyfest over the weekend! Their efforts and dedication to practices, along with the incredible support from teachers and families, deserve special recognition.

The Kuki Airani group took out 1st place overall, placing 1st in every category, an outstanding achievement. Our Tongan group proudly placed 3rd.

All our students who participated are winners. It has been wonderful to see our students take pride in their culture, their language, and their taonga.

Additionally, 2025 is a Parent Election year, and we encourage you to start considering joining our Board. The Election planner is attached to this newsletter, if you are passionate about supporting your school and shaping its future, we need YOU!

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers and trustees on the board for their commitment and dedication to our students.

2025 BOT MEMBERS



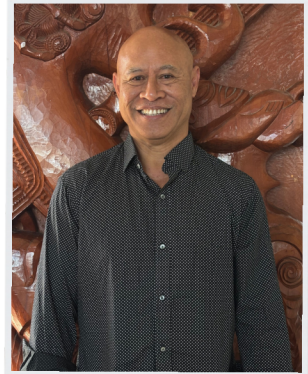
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The Board of Trustees:

Is the employer of all staff in the school.

Oversees the **management** of curriculum, personnel, finance, property and administration.

Ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in **student achievement**.

Sets the **school strategic direction**.

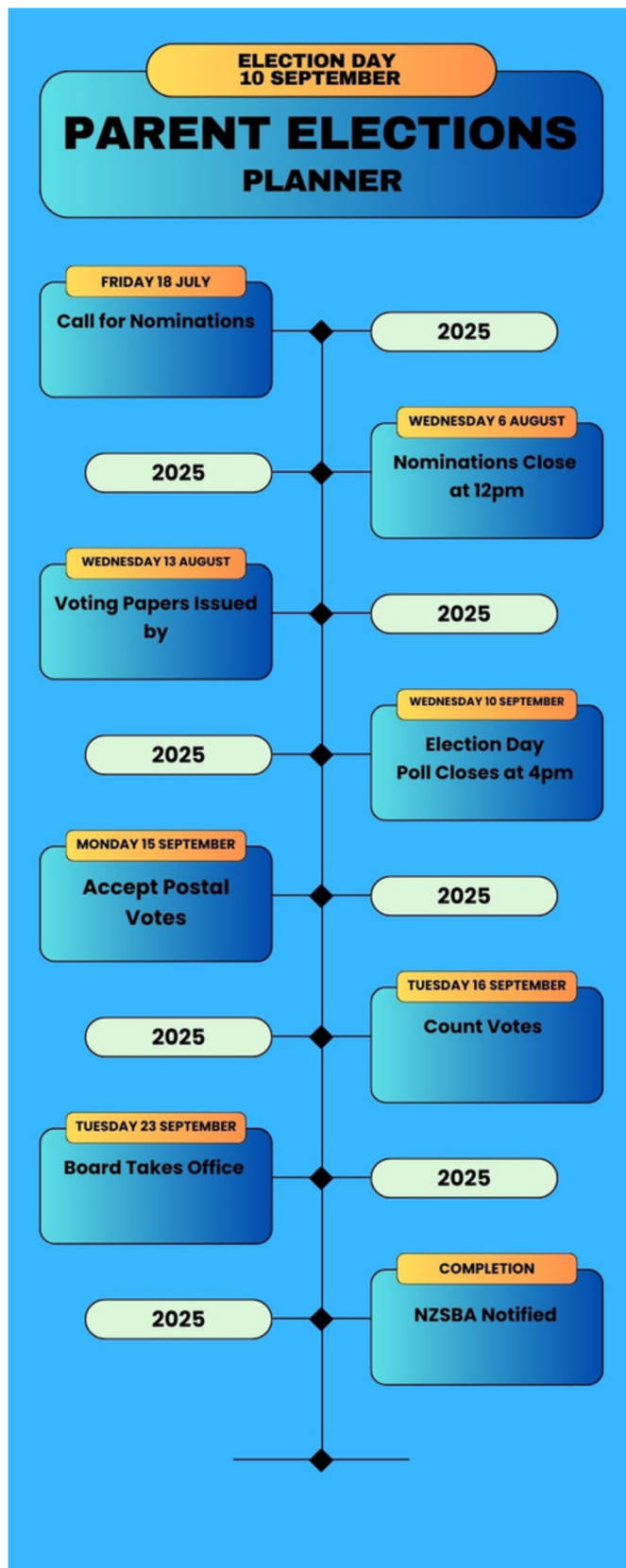
IMPORTANT NOTICES

25' Board Meetings

<i>Tues 29 April</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 27 May</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 24 June</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 29 July</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 26 August</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 30 September</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 28 October</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>
<i>Tues 25 November</i>	<i>5pm - 7pm</i>

Board Meetings are open to the Community and Staff.

All attendees are expected to follow the rules and regulations. Guidelines are available if needed.



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



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