



## **OXFORD CRESCENT SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER**

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### **Casual Vacancy**

We are sad to inform everyone that our long standing board member, Lynnette Tonkin, resigned from the Board of Trustees at the end of last term. We are very sorry to see Lynnette move on and would like to thank her sincerely for all the work she has put in during her time on the board. We would also like to wish Lynette and her family well for their future endeavors and look forward to their continued involvement at Oxford Crescent School.

We are now faced with the difficult task of finding a replacement for Lynnette. As we are less than mid-way through the current board's term, we have two options for filling this vacancy. These options were discussed at the last board meeting held on 23 May. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill this vacancy by selection, which will save the school the cost of holding a by-election. In accordance with the Ministry of Education guidelines an advertisement will be placed in the next Upper Hutt Leader (due out this week) outlining this decision. The advertisement will explain that "If 10 percent or more of the eligible voters on the school role ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held." Any eligible voter who wishes the board to hold a by-election should write to the chairperson, Nic Brown, via the school office before 28 June.

If less than 10 percent of eligible voters raise objections to this decision then a person will be selected for the vacancy at the board meeting to be held on 8 August.

Questions about this process can be directed to any of the current board members.