



2010 Board of Trustees Elections

Throughout New Zealand, schools are gearing up for the 2010 Board of Trustees elections in May. At Cashmere Avenue School, we have a total of seven parent trustees, four of which are up for election this year.

What is the Board of Trustees?

The Board of Trustees is responsible for such things as; setting the educational goals and the strategic direction of the school; monitoring progress and letting parents know how the school is progressing and how well students are achieving; deciding how the school's funding will be spent, amongst other things. It is the employer for all staff at the school, and the school Principal is the board's "Chief Executive".

What Attributes Do Trustees Need?

- A strong interest in co-education.
- Time – we estimate up to 10 hours a month for meeting preparation, attending the monthly board meeting, and undertaking subcommittee work. At present our standing subcommittees are finance & audit (including property), policy, personnel and communication.
- It helps to have an understanding of financial matters and the educational sector, and experience in managing people.
- A well run Board needs an active Chair with both the time and skills to chair the Board. The time commitment for the Chair role is estimated at a further 1-2 hours per week.

Want To Know More?

- You can learn more about being a parent trustee at Cashmere from the Board Chair (Helen Bartlett- hbartlett@paradise.net.nz), or one of our parent trustees; Joe Asghar, Craig Brown, Chris Jones, James Painter, Nicky Plummer, James Weir (contact details available from the school office).
- Have a look on the School Trustees Association website – <http://trustee-election.co.nz/>
- Pick up one of these leaflets from the school foyer →

