

Wainui Beach School Annual Report 2011

Our mission at Wainui Beach School is to promote confidence, passion and excellence in a supportive learning environment. To achieve this the Board of Trustees works to a 3-year Charter adopted in 2011. Part of this process is developing, implementing and reporting on an annual plan to achieve our strategic goals. This involves priorities in the areas of Curriculum, People and the Environment and Resources. The Board of Trustees is proud of what has been achieved in 2011, the commitment and hard work by the staff, parents and pupils to achieve our goals has been commendable and we are looking forward to a productive, exciting and fun 2012.



Curriculum Priorities:

Student achievement is at the forefront of everything we do. In this light our focus for 2011 was Maths and this will continue to 2012. We had a huge leap in our National Standards for Maths level from 32% to 56%. This is an amazing achievement and the highlight of the year for us. At the end of the year we also had 90% of all students achieving at the National Standard in Reading and 76% achieving in Writing. We also saw a move to Overall Teacher Judgement as part of the ongoing move to National Standards and we updated our Goal Guidelines in this regard as well. Reading Recovery and Schoolblox were also a continuing focus for us and we are really pleased with the effort and progress made by the children participating in these initiatives.



People Priorities:

We continued to make a commitment to staff's ongoing learning through high quality professional development, working with Maths Consultant, Charlotte Wilkinson and will continue to do so as our main focus for 2012. We have also made a commitment that all permanent staff will be First Aid trained. They will be retrained every two years as the children's health and safety is paramount. We have reviewed and updated our appraisal process to ensure that all teachers are meeting the Teachers Professional Standards and their personal goals. We are very fortunate to have such a high calibre of teachers and staff at Wainui Beach School.



Environment and Resources:

Wainui Beach School is located in one of the most idyllic spots but the weather and situation can be harsh on the building and grounds. We want to keep the school sound and looking its best. In this regard applied for grants and started work on the new deck from the staffroom to Room 9 this should provide the students with a safer area to walk, eat and play on, especially in the winter. Our staffroom, Rooms 8 & 9 were identified by the MOE as needing earthquake strengthening in 2010 and this was completed early in 2011. Keeping teaching resources up to date with technological developments is costly but we managed to get funding to increase our current IT equipment with i-pads which we believe is the future of computing. Data projectors & sound systems were also acquired through funding for rooms 1,2,3 and 6.



The Board of Trustees continues to rely heavily upon and values immensely the participation, support and enthusiasm from parents and the Friends of Wainui who donate their time and effort again and again. On behalf of the school we would like to thank you.