



## Education Review Office (ERO) Update

The ERO team visited us in November 2016 and our final report has now been published on the review site. As a new Principal (and mostly new Board of Trustees) we were excited to share what we had been working on over the first 10 months of our time together and a number of these initiatives have been acknowledged in the report.

*"Since the previous ERO evaluation the school has:*

- *Strengthened actions to identify and track the progress of target students*
- *Data is used systematically to inform schoolwide targets. During 2016, teachers have started setting measurable and achievable termly goals for these students. This strategy supports deliberate reflection on learners' progress.*
- *The current professional development in writing is helping teachers to respond more purposefully to groups of learners.*
- *The school has re-established the special education needs coordinator role. The description for this position outlines the school's expectations.*
- *Introduced a range of digital technologies schoolwide*
- *Through the Te Hinaki Trust, supported families to purchase laptops for their children in Years 4 to 8*
- *Participated in professional learning and development opportunities in written language, modern teaching and learning practices, and mathematics.*
- *Leaders and teachers have recently developed an assessment process to support decision-making for overall teacher judgements about achievement in mathematics and writing. Monitoring the implementation of this and developing clear guidelines for assessment is likely to support the dependability of achievement data."*

The reviewers also acknowledge *"Students are relaxed, confident and active. A strong sense of nurture and belonging is apparent. The community is welcomed into the school."*

The Board and I are pleased that progress in the areas above have been identified.

The report also contains some areas for us to continue to develop and this has been based, in part, on some of the recommendations from the 2013 ERO report, and also areas that myself and the Board have identified. We anticipate ERO's return in November 2017 where we will be once again receive a 3 year review cycle.

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