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NEWSLETTER



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TRUSTEE TRAINING

The Association is pleased to offer a FREE Workshop

“An Introduction to Trusteeship”

Session locations and dates are as follows;

Wairarapa	St Mary’s School, Carterton: Monday 24 May
Kapiti/Otaki	Raumati South School:..... Wednesday 26 May
Porirua	Mana College:..... Monday 31 May
Wellington	Wellington High School: Tuesday 1 June
Hutt Valley	Naenae Intermediate: Wednesday 2 June

Please encourage your new trustees to attend and gain an insight into their new role. Another training workshop on “Board Process” will follow approximately 1 month after these workshops: the exact dates will be advised later.

A separate Training News Flash with a REGISTRATION FORM has been already been sent to Board Chairpersons.

Trustees who wish to attend these workshops must complete the registration form and return it to WWSTA. Registrations for each workshop close 3 working days before the workshop.

**The form can be faxed to 04 568 2971 or emailed to wwsta@wwsta.org.nz
Registration can also be made via our website: www.wwsta.org.nz,**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

As previously advised, the Association’s AGM is to be held at the Angus Inn, cnr Waterloo Road and Cornwell Street, Lower Hutt on **WEDNESDAY 16 June 2010**.

Coffee and tea and finger food will be available from 6.30pm.

The meeting will start promptly at 7.15pm.

The Minister is unlikely to join us, due to an overseas commitment, however a senior representative from the Education Review Office (ERO) will be our guest speaker and give a presentation on the way ERO will review school operations in the future. We believe this will be extremely valuable to all Trustees and recommend your attendance.

At the conclusion of the presentation (at approximately at 8.30pm) we will proceed to hold the Association’s AGM.

The Agenda for the meeting is included as a separate document with this newsletter.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, we would appreciate you forwarding a proxy so the Association chairperson or another named attendee can vote on your behalf to accept the Financial report. A copy of the report is posted on our web site: wwsta@wwsta.org.nz. The proxy form is also included with this newsletter and forms part of the RSVP for attendance at this meeting.

Our current Deputy Chairperson, Lorraine Allison, is not standing for a school board this year, after serving for about 21 years on several school boards. A number of our current Management Committee members are also retiring from trusteeship. Nominations are requested for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of WWSTA.

The Nomination form is enclosed and we ask that these be faxed to the Association (04 568 2971) no later than 1st JUNE 2010.

If you’re a Trustee and would like to join the Management committee you’d be

very welcome. Contact Grant Kerr for more information.

All items included with the newsletter are available for downloading from our website, wwsta@wwsta.org.nz

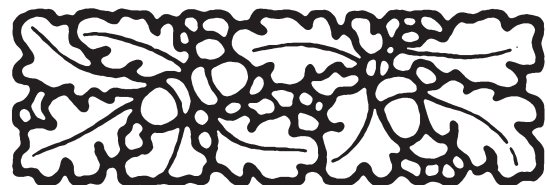


SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Once the elections are over, and your new Board has met and elected the Chairperson, we would appreciate receiving the following details by email to the Association at wwsta@wwsta.org.nz

- School name,**
- Chairperson’s name,**
- contact email**
- contact phone details**

so we can update our database.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustees interested in becoming a member of the committee and learning more about Trusteeship are very welcome to hop on board. Please contact Grant Kerr, Chris Toa or Lorraine Allison at the numbers mentioned at the end of this newsletter.

TRUANCY

We are pleased to publish the following article on Truancy from the Association's Chairperson, Chris Toa, who for 11 years was the Truancy Officer in the Porirua Area.

Truancy: absenteeism, non-attendance, malingering, skiving, bunking off

The question is **'Why do students truant?'**

The answer is, **'Because they can!'**

All schools have processes to deal with truancy. But obviously they aren't working, because Government statistics say that on any given day there are 30,000 students absent without permission across New Zealand and they now have to spend millions of dollars to stop it.

That's a bloody expensive band-aid.

After all, how do you stop a student or a group of students deciding to have a day off?

The simple answer is you can't. Why? Because most of our kids know that there are no real consequences to wagging.

The harshest penalty would be standing them down for a few days, which is exactly what they want anyway.

So what's my solution?

I believe that truancy is a community problem and therefore requires a community solution.

Education for our children and grandchildren should be a partnership between the government and the community, however at present only one partner is making the rules. If schools are part of the community then they should be subject to its community expectations.

- ☆ Do you know what the education expectations are in your community?
- ☆ How important is education to you as a parent?
- ☆ How do you convey that to your children and more importantly, to your school?

If you're stuck for answers, perhaps it's time to discuss this with your friends, neighbours and even your children. You may be surprised to discover that almost everyone has the same

expectations and hopes as you do! Then maybe you could start working together as a community towards achieving your shared goals.

Ensuring good educational outcomes for every child.

How could truancy survive in such a positive environment?



MAYORAL PRESENTATION IN PORIRUA

A meeting was held on 21st April 2010 at the Mana Club, at which the present mayor of Porirua, Jenny Brash, and the previous mayor, John Burke, gave a presentation on Governance within the Community.

The Mayor agreed that school trustees were very important, do a fantastic job for their communities and this needed to be acknowledged.

An event has been proposed for Porirua Area "retiring" school trustees where certificates from the Porirua City Council will be awarded highlighting their civic duty.

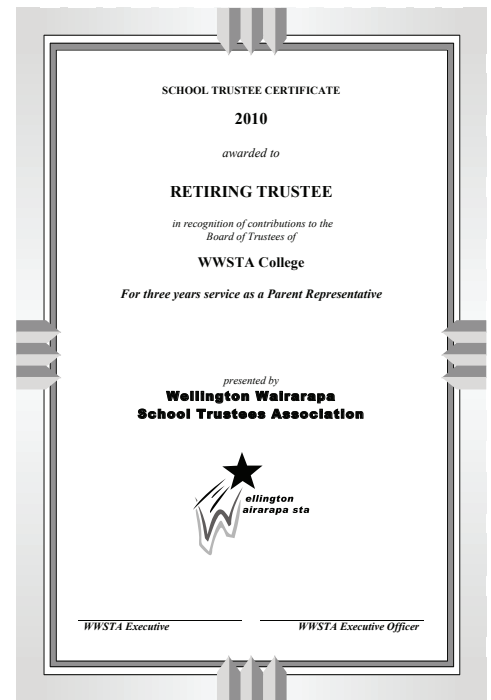
An email will shortly be sent via the Association to all Porirua Schools requesting detailed information to enable the Certificates and event to be finalised.

CERTIFICATES FOR RETIRING TRUSTEES

The Association has a Certificate for presentation to retiring Staff and Parent School Trustees. This will record details of the Trustee, name of school/s at which they served and the years of service.

A sample of the laminated certificate is shown.

If you wish to order a certificate for your School's retiring Trustee/s please complete the attached CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM and fax it to the Association on 04 568 2971.



Things to Remember

Trustee Training

- ☆ ASAP — Registrations

AGM

- ☆ 16th June — AGM MEETING
- ☆ 17th May — Return Nominations for Association Chair and Deputy Chair
- ☆ 3rd June — RSVP for AGM
- ☆ 3rd June — Return Proxy form if not attending

Board Elections — send to WWSTA:

- ☆ ASAP — contact details of Board Chairperson
- ☆ ASAP — certificate details for retiring Trustees

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