

Berkley Normal Middle School

Trustee Elections

November is election time!

While the country goes to the polls on 26 November to elect our next Government, the Berkley Board of Trustees elections will be held the week before.

As in any healthy democracy, we are hoping for a strong field of candidates to stand to ensure an election proceeds.

It is not too late to be nominated – the cut off is 12.00 noon on Friday 4 November for the nomination form and candidate profile to be handed to our returning Returning Officer, Sandra Woods.

Berkley holds BOT elections every 18 months. The term is for 3 years, but we have a cycle where half the Board is renewed every 18 months. This is because of the short period of time that children attend a Middle School.

Upcoming Events

1 November	Inter-intermediate volleyball
4 November	Focus - Te Aroha
8 November	3rd HPV vaccination
9 November	Mufti Day
10 November	Farewell Noumea travellers
11 November	ELL trip to Waitomo Caves
14 November	Focus - Ararua
15 November	Inter-intermediate softball
16 November	SS10 Athletics
17 November	Next Korero home
18 November	BOT Election
23 November	Yr 9 Racquet Day
24 November	Focus - Kapa Haka
29 November	Inter-intermediate Athletics
02 December	Focus - Aranui Majors

Stephen Ng, Kate Rys and myself have served half of our term. Gary Oppert (our Chairperson), Bill Crowe and Paul Bardoul are at the end of their three year term. They have been fantastic Board members, each bringing a range of skills and experience to the Board table.

A review of achievements over the past three years shows that they have made a huge contribution to Berkley – thank you all.

At our final meeting as a board Mr Crone wrote in his report to the board: -

“This is a **sad moment** for me. This is our final meeting together. We can feel extremely proud of our achievements during the tenure of this board. Our reputation has continued to grow as a provider of quality age appropriate learning experiences and places us right up there. Our roll continues to reflect the confidence parents have of us. There are 80 more students than two years ago. We have continued to grow our resources. In the past two years we have built a drama facility, refurbished 12 classrooms, laid AstroTurf, employed two additional teachers (Greta Dromgool - Science specialist and Judy Campbell, leader of our Enhanced Learning Centre), maintained healthy Year 9 numbers, invested wisely in professional development of staff, experienced achievement/success on the sports field to be proud of and provided an abundance of education in the outdoors and overseas for students. The list is not exhausted but a “bucket” list to be proud of!”

Perhaps you think the Board could do better? Perhaps you have skills that would be valuable to the Berkley school community? Serving on the Board enables parents (and interested others) to make a meaningful contribution to the governance of the school. We work as a collaborative group, meeting ten times a year.

As this newsletter goes to print we have only two confirmed nominations. This time next week we need at least two more to have an election! Please assist us in building a governance team that will ensure that your school continues to provide the best support for teachers of our children.

If you would like to speak to any of the BOT members about this role then please call us on:

Gary Oppert:

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Tracey Gunn:

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Stephen Ng:

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Bill Crowe:

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Paul Bardoul:

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Kate Rys:

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Tracey Gunn – Board member

2012 Uniform Change

The board has made the following change to the uniform bylaw, effective from the beginning of 2012. Summer footwear for all students will be **Black Roman Sandals**.

There will be **no** transition period. All students are expected to have this footwear on the first day of school of next year.

Currently these sandals range in price from \$14.99 - \$59.95.

Wiliame Toduadua -

Young Citizen of the Year Recipient

This year our Altrusa recipient is Wiliame Toduadua. To be selected for this award is a great honour and acknowledges the many fine qualities Wiliame demonstrates as a leading citizen in our school.

Wiliame will be presented this award at a special ceremony in the Civic Reception Lounge of the Council Chambers on 3rd November along with recipients from other schools.

Congratulations Wiliame, you are an outstanding citizen and an exemplary role model in our community.

Academic Celebration

Australian Mathematics Competition is considered to be more challenging than the ICAS series.

Twenty-five students entered this competition. Distribution of awards was as follows: -

- **One High Distinction** - Craig Scott (top 2%)
- **Eight Distinctions** – Chelsea Lin, Matilda Plant, Michelle Tiang, Gabrielle Dumble, Braedyn Girvan, Ted Hu, Wei Win Yim and Lisa Zhang (top 15%)
- **Eleven Credits** – Caitlin Weren, Hamish Weren, David Zheng, Douglas Shephard, Zara Olifent, Caleb O’Neil, Jenny Kweon, Annabel Zhou, Isla Neil, Liam Gilroy & Antonia Chen (top 50%)

Congratulations.

ICAS English

Year 7

Distinction - Frederick Au, Max Edwards, Liam Gilroy, Chelsea Lin, Alex Medich, Isla Neil, Timothy Ng, Matilda Plant and Michelle Tiang.

Year 8

High Distinction - Sam Harris, Tessa Impey and Liam Milne.

Distinction - Elyse Amai, Gabrielle Dumble, Stephanie Fairey, Juliet Johnson, Zara Olifent, Freddie Ray and Caitlin Weren.

Reminder

Students that wish to self nominate, to be considered for placement in one of our “lighthouse” (Accelerate) classes next year need to have their form into office by Friday 4 November.

