Summary of Strategic Plan: 2024 -2026



After talking with many of you, and completing surveys, I met with the Board of Trustee to share this information. Some key themes came through strongly and the Board of Trustee have made these a priority for the next two years.

Key themes

1. Strengthen Te Ao Maori in the school. You wanted students in the school, and Maori students in particular to know about their language and culture.

- Parents and whanau interviewed felt the school valued the Tiriti o Waitangi and wanted us to continue to strengthen our ongoing commitment. Whanau saw a place for the school environment reflecting who we are as a community.
- 3. Other cultures within the school to be acknowledged and celebrated.
- 4. Teach local history. You wanted students to know about the place where they live. You wanted them to know about what makes Ōpunake is a special place, and you wanted students to know about local stories and important historical places.
- 5. Reading, writing, mathematics and STEAM were highlighted as being important.
- 6. Students being encouraged to work together especially during "integrated units" The use of Tuakana/Teina was valued by whanau. You wanted the school to have a "family feel"
- 7. Students to be safe and healthy. PE, sport and swimming were highlighted as being important. Being a beach town you wanted students to be able to swim.
- 8. Further developing The Arts
- Making sure other curriculum areas other than literacy and numeracy are taught.Curriculum Integration was identified as a school strength.
- 10. Hands on learning