

Hereworth School Trust Board

Chairmans Report

For the year ended 31 December 2012

Following appointment to the position of chairman late in the year, I am pleased to provide my first annual report on behalf of the Hereworth School Trust Board. The school had a very successful year across all educational dimensions.

Roll

The year end roll of the school was 219 boys, just higher than the 218 in 2011. The boarding roll was a very sound 37 comparing favourably with the prior year's boarding total of 30. The increase in boarding numbers has contributed to the financial result for the year. Unfortunately with a very large year 8 roll leaving in 2012 and continuing economic adversity, the opening roll for 2013 is down somewhat at 193.

Staff

The school staff have again worked hard to ensure a successful year for the school. On behalf of the Board I would like to extend our sincere thanks.

In December, the board acknowledged the services of longstanding and respected deputy headmaster Gary Exeter and long term teacher Geoff Styles as both departed their roles. Gary will remain with the school in a part time position in 2013. Geoff has returned to university to further his French language skills.

Matt Webb has joined the Hereworth staff in 2013 as the deputy headmaster. Matt comes from a senior position at Kings School in Auckland with both New Zealand and overseas teaching experience. We welcome Matt and look forward to the contribution he can make at Hereworth.

Finance

The reported consolidated financial surplus for the year of \$315,048 (2011 a loss of \$3,895) is the result of project fundraising, a substantial donation and a healthy school roll tempered by increased insurance costs. The project fundraising includes a further \$100,000 from Richard IZARD, bringing his total donation to the IZARD (technology) building to a very generous \$500,000. A capital donation from The Timothy Alston Foundation of \$163,000 was very unexpected but gratefully received. The

school reported a modest surplus on its core operations. The financial position of the trust board remains sound with an equity base in excess of \$6.5 million.

School support groups

Both the Hereworth Old Boys Association and the Hereworth Parents Association continue to provide valuable financial and voluntary support to the school. On behalf of my fellow trustees I extend the thanks of the trust board to these groups.

Governance

There have been some significant changes in the board during the year necessitated by transfers and work requirements. Previous chairman, Tom Hamilton accepted a position overseas and Rev Brian Dawson relocated to Wellington. Two new Diocesan trustees were appointed - Rev Frank Fillyard and Rev Steve Hayes. Rob Hansen (Old Boys rep) and Kate Vautier (additional Parents rep) joined the board late in the year.

I would like to record the board's thanks to those trustees who departed during the year, for the service they gave. I would also personally thank all trustees for their support during the year.



Andrew Thomas

25 March 2013