



## **Commissioner's Update – December 2020**

### **Prizegiving**

It was a great pleasure to attend the end of year prizegiving ceremony. Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to the students and staff for a hugely enjoyable event.

### **Staff Matters**

I would like to reiterate my gratitude to Ms Tainui for all her work (which continues over the school holidays) as the Acting Principal. There will be a powhiri to welcome Mr Dunn and his family at the start of Term One 2021 – further details will be announced once the date has been confirmed. The Dunn family will be moving into the Principal's House next week and we wish them a very Merry Christmas in their new home.

Mrs Erica Gilberd has been appointed to assist in the Junior School, Years 1-8 for Term One 2021 and we look forward to welcoming her to the school in the New Year.

### **Community Library**

In January 2021 the Christchurch City Council will commence a six-month trial providing a limited range of customer services from the Community Library. The School is pleased to be able to support this initiative which keeps a community service local.

### **Supreme Conservation Award**

Congratulations to the Year 13 Te Arawhiti team that won the Supreme Award in the Aoraki Conservation Board Awards 2020 for their work with the Hammond Point/Te Umu te Rehua project. A fantastic effort – well done.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Ministry of Education will be formally reviewing the intervention in February 2021. Following the review it is anticipated that permission will be given to set an election date. I am delighted with the level of interest in

the work of the Board of Trustees and the excellent questions that were asked at the presentation provided by the New Zealand School Trustees Association session on 4 December 2020. A copy of the Korari document that formed the basis of our discussions is included with this Update. An open Governance Meeting will be held in early February 2020. The date will be advised in due course and anyone is welcome to attend.

**Seasons Greetings**

I wish you all a fun-filled festive season and a very happy summer.

Nicola Hornsey