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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Recently we received reports from the Education Review Office (ERO) and our financial Auditors, BDO Spicers. I am delighted to inform you that both Reports are extremely positive regarding the standards and performance of Belfast School.

ERO have given the school a 4 to 5 year return, which places the school in the highest category. This means that they saw outstanding practice, Policies and procedures, Curriculum, leadership and Governance by the Board of Trustees and Senior Management, to ensure they are confident the school is performing well and will continue to do so for the next 4 to 5 years.

Statements such as “*students experience a rich and varied curriculum that is highly effective in promoting their learning, enjoyment and engagement*” and “*the school’s values strongly foster a positive school culture*” and “*ERO observed examples of high quality teaching in purposeful learning environments where students were engaged and talked about being interested and motivated in their learning*”. These statements can assure you as Parents that your children are receiving a high quality education at Belfast School.

Perhaps the most reassuring aspect for the school and community is the statement in the Report; “*this school is very well placed to sustain and improve its performance. The Board, School Leaders and Staff have a strong focus on making a difference to student achievement and wellbeing.*”

For our Maori families, ERO noted that the school has been effective in increasing the visibility of Maori culture in the school and successfully promotes the learning of Maori students who achieve well in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

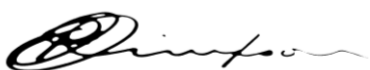
The Report is a fitting tribute to the wonderful work put in by the Board of Trustees, ALL Staff, families, community groups and most of all, the children, which has made Belfast School such a special place.

Our Audit Report is of a similar nature and whilst the Report is confidential to the Board, we can report that due to sound financial management and procedures the school returned a positive result.

The Report also stated that the Auditor identified no weaknesses in internal control systems and wished to thank Management and Staff for their welcoming and helpful manner throughout the process.

The full ERO Report can be read on ERO’s website [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) and on the school’s website [www.belfastschool.co.nz](http://www.belfastschool.co.nz) Alternatively a copy can be obtained from the school Office.

Kind regards



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