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Dear School Community

As you are aware the Board of Trustees has been working on the schools strategic direction, and as part of this process we surveyed the wider school community to gain your feedback. As a board we have been delighted with the response to the surveys. They have enabled us to prioritise the needs of our school moving forward and develop a longer term plan to continually improve the learning environment for our students.

It is our desire as a board to develop a learning environment where students are confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. With your input, we have therefore developed a number of strategic aims with a view to develop and maintain a strong culture throughout the school. The strategic aims are:

- *Continue to develop, foster and build a strong culture of learning throughout the school*
- *Develop and upgrade the physical environment of Waimate High School to encourage a strong culture of learning*
- *Investigate, develop and procure appropriate resources to support the ongoing needs for student learning*

We are excited about the future of our school and look forward to challenges we face in the future with a confidence that Waimate High School will continue to be a great place for our students to learn and grow.

On behalf of the board of trustees I would like to thank the many of you who have given us feedback.

Martin Cochrane  
Board Chairperson