

## **Roydvale School Board News - September 2010**

Term 3 has certainly been eventful. The ERO visit was the focus for the early part of the term, the debate over National Standards raged throughout the term, and concluded by the earthquake, along with the hundreds of tremors.

### **Education Review Office**

ERO's visit in August went well and we expect to be able to make the report public in the next few weeks. The Board greatly appreciates the tremendous effort Paul and the team put into the preparation for the review which was the icing on the cake after three years of hard work since the last ERO visit. We encourage you to take time to read the report when it is published.

### **New Zealand Standards**

The debate over the implementation of National Standards has continued through the term. During the term, a number of families took the opportunity to hear Paul explain what the objectives of the National Standards are, and the issues we face in implementing them. As a Board we are encouraged by the news last week that the Ministry of Education has opened the door for a working group including teacher and principal representatives to work through the implementation issues. We are delighted to see we are moving on from debates focused on egos, politics and personalities, to place more attention to the objectives of the policy and the effect on our children if implemented as is. We will have more to report on this during fourth term

### **Property**

The new classroom was finished just in time to be tested by a 7.1 earthquake. The new classroom and the rest of the school were very fortunate to sustain no damage apart from some books falling off shelving in a couple of storerooms. Thank you to Brendon Burley, Paul Dolan, Michael Harris, Andrew Panckhurst, and Andrew Lill for spending the afternoon of father's day checking the school. It must be noted Andrew Lill was capably supervised by the rest of the team as he disappeared under classrooms, and into attics throughout the afternoon.

We have started discussing the future of the pool. Tim Sprott recently visited other schools to understand what they have done with their pools. We will be polling your views during the fourth term.

We hope you all have a relaxing Spring break

**From the Board of Trustees**