



# AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Look for your nomination forms in your letter box. If you haven't received your nomination forms and you're interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please contact the school office.

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With elections coming up, we need people with a range of skills and experiences, who can make a positive difference to our children's learning to put their hands up. We also need good balance of gender, ethnicity and skills in our board to reflect our community as a whole.

If you feel you have something to contribute to our school, I encourage you to put your name forward, and in doing so, be part of keeping Ahipara School, 'The best school in the Far North'.



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