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Dear Parents

Annual Community Survey

The Board is now in the process of completing its Annual Community Survey which is part of its on-going review process. Findings from the survey will help inform adjustments to its Charter that includes its Strategic Plan. This plan and the charter set the direction for our school for the next 3-5 years and is a Ministry of Education requirement.

The Board of Trustees aims to complete this process by the beginning of next term and welcomes your voice in the review.

The Board aims to have a vision for the future that prepares our children for life in the 21st Century world, has clear attainable goals to be worked towards, and a clear direction to work in. This planning is focused on ongoing improvement in student achievement.

The Board will be consulting with the community, listening to and gathering ideas from people who have an interest in our school through the attached questionnaire.

We ask that questionnaires be returned to school by Friday 11 November. The Board will collate your responses and inform you of its recommendations before finalising any changes to its Strategic Plan.

Your input is crucial to the ongoing success of our school so please make the time to complete and return your questionnaires! **All responses remain confidential to the Board of Trustees of Maruia School however you may wish to leave your name attached above so that your submission can be followed up by a Board member.** For further information please contact Peter King or myself.

Yours sincerely

Peter Brooker

Chairperson

Maruia School Board of Trustees

MARUIA SCHOOL COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to the school office by Friday 11 November (envelope provided)

As you make your responses we invite you to reflect on the following:

Learning	Reporting	Communication	Behaviour Management	Board of Trustees
Fundraising	Facilities and Resources	Education beyond the classroom (Trips & Camps)		
School events	Transition to school	Preparation for secondary school/links with other/larger schools		
ICT	Sport	Languages		

A Board member may contact you about your comments on this questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please place a ✓ in the category that best represents your level of agreement with each statement

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a. Maruia School provides a well-rounded education for my children.					
b. The academic programmes offered at Maruia School are appropriate.					
c. Maruia School is a safe place for my children.					
d. Maruia School is run well.					
e. Maruia School communicates well with parents and caregivers.					
f. The facilities at Maruia School are good.					
g. I would recommend Maruia School to others as a place to send their children.					

Of the above, which would you consider are the three most important (e.g. a,c d)? _____

1. What do you think we are doing well?

Some things that have been said in the past – feel free to circle or add your comments below:

Personal touch, Covered swimming pool, Children, Small size, Teachers, Student achievement, 1-1 teaching and moving at the pace of the child, Togetherness and family feel of the place, Finding ways to help all learn realizing that different children learn in different ways, Offering a good range of other activities, - hot lunches, kapahaka, ski trips, etc, Allowing children to be children letting them get dirty, have personality and play games like bulrush while still providing quality education, Bringing in people like Donna Hampton

2. What do you think we could do better?

Some things that have been said in the past – feel free to circle or add your comments below:

Two fulltime teachers, More languages, Communication, More outdoor/trip experiences More sports

3. What would you like to see us being most successful at?

Some things that have been said in the past – feel free to circle or add your comments below:

The basics of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Preparing children for the transition to Secondary School, The Arts, Children learning more about the world they live in, Being great learners, Children having great social skills and enjoying school, Children knowing more about themselves and their cultural heritage

4. What do you think are the most important areas for our school to be focusing on over the next 3-5 years?
5. What suggestions do you have about how we can better welcome new families into the Maruia community? *(We are particularly interested in feedback from our newer families on your experiences entering the community and suggestions you may have)*
6. Are there any ways that you would be willing to be involved in the school? (you would need to write your name below or talk with the Principal) e.g. Parent help the children PTA Board of Trustees A special skill or talent you could teach Fundraising Ideas or Sources
7. Please rank your level of understanding of the Board of Trustees role on the scale, 0 being no understanding and 5 being completely familiar with the Board's role. Please feel free to add a comment underneath:
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| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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8. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).
The Board would like to gauge opinion on School Camps, learning related trips, cultural visits:
How often? How Long? Which Year Groups? What Purposes?
9. Any other comments: