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Ron Van Herpt  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
St Josephs' School Papanui  
4 Vagues Road  
Papanui  
**CHRISTCHURCH 8052**

Dear Ron Van Herpt

I have been informed by the Chief Review Officer that St Josephs' School Papanui has recently been reviewed by the Education Review Office and that the review report has just been confirmed. He has sent me a copy of that report for my information. I thought it would be appropriate for me to write to you to tell you how pleased I am to see that your school is doing so well.

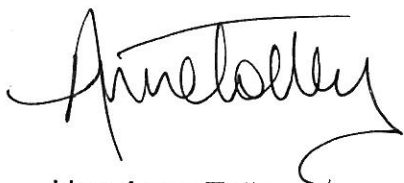
As you know, the Education Review Office is seeking to encourage self review in schools. As part of the new differentiated review process ERO is initiating at my request, the Chief Review Officer has set various criteria that will determine when ERO returns to schools – within 12 months, in 24 months, in three years, or in four to five years. Schools that are likely to have their next review scheduled in four to five years, as is the case with St Josephs' School Papanui, are those schools that have been performing consistently well. They have robust self-review processes in place, and use processes and information about their students for decision making and improving student achievement.

I congratulate you and your board on the quality of your school improvement and self-review processes. In particular, I was pleased to note that trustees demonstrate good governance and use the results of review to continue to improve the school's operations. I also note that students benefit from consistently high quality teaching in all classrooms and achieve well. You will, no doubt, have been delighted with ERO's finding that the strong professional leadership within the school encourages strong teamwork and collegiality among staff.

This must be very encouraging for you – well done to you and your board and the principal, Mark Gregory, for the leadership you have all shown, and to the staff for their good work with all the students.

I have included a copy of this letter for Mark.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Tolley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the top and a large loop at the bottom.

Hon Anne Tolley  
Minister Responsible for the Education Review Office  
Minister of Education