



12th June 2017

Dear parents and whanau

Recently we advised you that, after 10 years of dedicated service Greg Fenton has resigned from his position as Principal of our school. The Board of Trustees would like to update you on the process for the appointment of our new principal.

In line with advice from the New Zealand School Trustees Association we have engaged Edsol NZ Ltd, an independent education consultancy to support us with what we understand is likely to be a busy and lengthy appointment process. The two consultants, Peter Gall and Mike Leach are hugely experienced ex-principals so will also be able to provide us with an education perspective and support us to ensure the process is robust and in line with best practice. Both also have extensive networks throughout the school sector.

Recently Peter spent a day at Onewhero talking to students and staff to find out more about the school. These discussions will inform the person specifications for the role and have given the consultants a good feel for the type of person best suited to our school. After his time in the school Peter commented that he was impressed with the friendly, productive tone of the school and the committed team of staff. Peter reported that there has been strong interest in the position and that he felt this was a reflection of the growing reputation the school enjoys in the region.

We have also been considering how we are best to fill the role until the new appointment is in place. We recognise that filling the acting position internally creates pressure points as other roles need to be backfilled. The Board of Trustees would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Hopoi and our team of staff for keeping the school functioning seamlessly during Mr Fenton's absence.

The Board of Trustees will start the interviewing process on June 24th and our tentative timeframe for having the new principal commence their role is the end of August.

If you have any questions about the appointment process, please feel free to contact the Board of Trustees through the school office or email address rosemariecostar@slingshot.co.nz

Yours sincerely

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Board of Trustees