

ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

“Each For All -Te Kotahi Mo Te Katoa”



Dear parents and whanau

The Onewhero Area School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Simon Craggs, current Deputy Head of the Dilworth rural campus, has accepted our offer for the Principal's position at Onewhero Area School. Simon's exact starting date is yet to be confirmed.

Simon has been the Deputy Head of the Dilworth Rural Campus at Mangatawhiri and responsible for the academic curriculum at the campus for the past six years. He is also the Future Learning Coordinator for Dilworth. Prior to this he was Head of English and House Dean at Whangarei Girls High School. He has a Master of Educational Leadership with first class honours and has completed the Ministry of Education's Aspiring Principals' programme.

Simon is married to Lisa, who is a teacher at Mangatawhiri Primary School, and they have two children. He is a very keen sportsman, currently playing hockey and refereeing junior rugby. Simon is also a past Board of Trustees member of Mangatawhiri School.

The Board were impressed by Simon's commitment to creating strong school-community links and the valuable role that whanau and the wider community can play in a child's education. We were also impressed by his passion for creating an exciting learning environment for students of all ages.

The Board of Trustees was fortunate to have a very strong base of applicants to select from, including being in the enviable position of shortlisting five extremely capable candidates. We are thankful for the guidance and support our educational consultants Edsol provided as they ensured that we followed a fair and rigorous interview and appointment process.

During the coming weeks before his official starting date, Simon is looking forward to meeting staff, students and whanau at the school. We will provide more details about his official welcome once finalised.

The Board of Trustees would also like to thank Mrs Hopoi for the excellent job she has done and will continue to do as Acting Principal.

Yours sincerely

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