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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for enquiring about the position of U4 Principal of Pukeoware School. We appreciate your interest and look forward to being in touch with you through the screening and selection process. Naturally, farewelling our Principal earlier this term was sad news, but it is also a time of great opportunity. We are excited to search for, select, and support our new leader, to build on all that has been achieved in the past, and to make our school as great as it can be into the future.

Our school has a friendly, rural feel, and we always have a lot going on. We have great children who are keen to learn and give new things a go, a hardworking and enthusiastic staff who go the extra mile, and an active and supportive PTA, Gala Committee, and Board of Trustees. We appreciate the importance of the partnership between home and school, and we actively encourage parents to become involved with us in any way they can.

We aim to provide teaching and learning that is stimulating, challenging, and tailored to the needs of each individual child. We want our students to be enquiring learners who are able to pursue their own interests while receiving a high standard of education, and do so by offering a broad and balanced curriculum, both inside and outside the classroom.

We have a large number of initiatives that support our students throughout the school. Ako Timatanga is a flexible learning environment, with two full time teachers, designed to start our beginning learners on their school journey with the latest innovative teaching and learning practices. Several of our teachers are Incredible Years For Teachers trained, delivering inclusive programmes that nurture children's social, emotional, and academic competence. We integrate ICT into all curriculum areas where it can benefit teaching and learning, and support our BYOD strategy with the provision of devices on a 2:1 ratio in our senior school. We embrace the benefits of play, and encourage our children to enjoy and participate in physical activity, culture, and the arts.

We love Waiuku - the little town we call home. And we're sure our new Principal will enjoy working or even living here, perhaps providing an escape from the hustle, bustle and house prices of the big city. With stunning black sand beaches and a neighbouring forest, the area provides an outstanding environment for both adults and children alike – be your passion surfing, swimming, fishing, walking or cycling. And for family life the facilities are superb.

If you would like to know more about our school or community, we encourage you to take a good look around our website and facebook page to see what we are all about. Alternatively, give me a call on 0211169889 to make an appointment to come and see us – we'd love to show you around.

We look forward to receiving your application and meeting you soon.

Kind Regards,

Justine Gustafson Chairperson

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