

A Welcome from the Board Chairperson

Thank you very much for showing an interest in the position of Principal at Waiau Pa School.

Our current Principal of 12 years has overseen many changes as it has developed from a “small country school”, and has now moved on to his next challenge.

Our community makeup has changed dramatically in these years, as families from the city have moved to our area where they see good value in housing, yet only a short commute to the motorway. These families expect Waiau Pa to offer the same quality education, along with similar opportunities in both the classroom and with extra-curricular activities, that they have valued from their usually larger primary schools in the City. It is important to the Board that our new Principal has the vision to continue extending the range of options for our pupils.

The Franklin area is currently seeing large housing developments being established, and in line with this and the projected population growth, mainly in Clarks Beach, we expect roll growth at Waiau Pa to significantly increase over the next 5 to 10 years and this will provide our successful appointee the ability to shape the future of our school.

We as a Board are also keen to see further development of Modern Learning Practices, and where applicable, environments, at the School. We have seen the benefits of this in our Y7-8 group and now would like to see this rolled out through the rest of the school.

Waiau Pa School is very fortunate to have a dedicated teaching staff, who are ably assisted by a great pool of teacher aides and office staff. Most are long serving members on staff and are in fact locals themselves. Our new Principal will value their opinions and continue to support them with regular PD and opportunities for them to improve and grow their qualifications.

So, again, thank you for the interest you have shown in this position, and please be assured that the Board will be appointing the best person for this Principal role. Our school is in a great position to grow and move forward with new practices and are committed to finding the best person to lead this.

Roger Hargraves

Chairperson, Waiau Pa Board of Trustees