

Waiau Pa School

What Students are Seeking in a new Principal.

When asked about the type of person they would like their new principal to be they used the following words:

Kind Genuine Calm Fun Sociable

Reliable Have a sense of humour Adaptable Focused

Trustworthy Honest Accepts others' ideas

Willing to learn pupils' names Wiling to spend time in classrooms

Willing to find out what we – the pupils – are doing. Willing to help us.

They definitely want the new principal to talk to students and to communicate well with the staff.

What should your new principal be “good at”?

The students pointed out that there is a housing development that will impact on the school and make the school's roll larger. Therefore, they wanted the new principal to be a person who could see the future steps for the school and make changes that are needed. [Amazing statements from young people!]

The students wanted the new principal to have good communication skills, to be able to talk to all the students [“to be sociable” as one young person said] and be very visible in the community including when we fundraise for the school. Must be a “fair” decision-maker.

What new things would you like your new principal to bring into the school?

More activities like tug-of-war. More camps for senior students. More day trips. Larger classrooms – not more children in the rooms, just larger rooms!

More science

More languages such as Te Reo [not just counting and colours], Spanish, Hebrew and Mandarin.