



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Good Morning

Regretfully, we must inform you that Garry Olver has taken early retirement, due to his health, effective last week. Since then Elizabeth Spooner has been acting as the Principal.

As a Board, we do appreciate and recognise the potential disruption that having a change in Principal has on a school. We are keen to minimise this and, most importantly, ensure that continuity is maintained for the best outcome of students and yourselves. We are particularly cognisant of this when there have been significant changes in leadership over a short period of time. The Board are very grateful of the support that Elizabeth Spooner has provided not only recently, but importantly over the past 18 months when she has stepped in at very short notice.

The Board has appointed an interim Principal Ross Brown, former Principal Napier Boys High, who has accepted this position and will commence the afternoon of the 17 August. Mr Brown offers a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to him joining our school.

We are now underway in our recruitment of a permanent Principal, and the Board is seeking your feedback and that of our wider school community on the attributes of a new Principal. To this end, please find below the link which provides you with a short questionnaire where you can contribute your thoughts in this regard. The closing date for your replies is Tuesday, 16 August. We intend to use your contributions as part of the Person Specification for the Principal's position. We are confident of having an appointment confirmed by the end of this school year and promise to keep you all informed of our progress with this critical role.

<http://bit.ly/WHSCommunityFeedback>

Yours sincerely

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WHS BoT Chairperson