

Ponsonby Intermediate School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the school,

On behalf of the Board I would like to once again thank our community for your understanding and significant support after the loss of our Principal, colleague and friend Nick Wilson.

Even though the staff are still grieving I have been amazed at both their professionalism and their humanity in supporting each other and our students. Nick led a school that knows itself really well. Our current staff average 9.5 years working at our school. They know our school culture and systems and have high expectations of themselves. Together they are doing Nick really proud and are doing a great job of educating and developing our kids.

Appointment Process of a new Principal

The Board has appointed Roween Higgle from the Education Group to act as our HR Advisor during the recruitment process of a new Principal. A survey of staff, families and students will be sent out in early August to help capture our community's thoughts. The Board will finalise the appointment criteria, advertise the job, shortlist, interview etc. We hope to announce the new Principal by the end of October.

If an internal candidate is appointed then they would start immediately. If an external candidate is appointed then they would start in January 2027.

Between now and the end of the year our wonderful and long serving leadership team of Matt Bennie, Cherie Bolesworth and Katie Fiddian will be leading our school.

Enjoy the school holidays

Kind regards
Hamish Hopkinson
Board Chair
Ponsonby Intermediate School

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