

Board of Trustees News
October 2013

- Progress on recruiting a new Principal
- Getting your views
- Whānau group commencing Term 4

Recruitment progress: We intend to have everything ready for advertising the position within the next 2 weeks. Brendon Henderson has agreed to act as adviser to the Board throughout the process. Brendon was Principal at Newlands Intermediate until recently and is now Principal at Tawa Intermediate. As Brendon is very experienced and has been part of the education community here in Newlands, he is the ideal person to assist us to find a Principal suited to our school community.

A very important part of identifying the key skills, experience and personal qualities the Board will be looking for is consulting with school staff, students, and parents and caregivers. In the last week of last term the Board met with staff to get their views on skills and qualities they consider most important for the Principal. This week the Student Council will be able to tell us their views as student representatives.

Parent/caregiver views: The Board also wants to hear from parents and caregivers through a survey. Please take a few minutes to let us know what is important to you for your children. The survey can be done online or on paper (from the office) and is anonymous. A notice about this was sent home with students on Tuesday and if the school has your email address on file an email has been sent to you. The survey closes on Monday 21 October.

Whānau group: This term whānau of Māori students will be invited to meet with Jan and Board member Matt Lange. The date planned for this is Wednesday 30 October at 6.30 in the staffroom.

Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday, 31 October. I can be contacted by email at boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

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