



# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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Kia ora everyone

## **School Board Elections** (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, the following were duly elected:

Keki Colaabavala; Myles Fothergill; Claire Lilley (new member);  
Yvette Moorhouse (new member); Rob Sewell

At the close of nominations for staff representative, as there was only one valid nomination received, the following was duly elected:

Jos Berkhout

I would like to thank Piri Cribb (parent representative) and Paul Keene (staff representative) for their excellent contributions and mahi over nearly six years and two years respectively on the Whanganui High School Board.

## **Staffing Changes**

At the end of Term 2, Casey Graham (Part-time Physical Education & Health teacher; Takitini Hauora Kahui Ako Across Sector Lead) and Amanda Meade (Part-time Supported Learning & Health teacher) resigned.

Casey has left teaching completely to work with her husband in their family business. Amanda has returned to her more familiar environment of primary school teaching and is currently teaching part-time at Carlton School. We wish Casey and Amanda all the best for the future.

I was very pleased to appoint and welcome Mikaere Gardiner (Ngāti Tūwharetoa) to a permanent, full-time Physical Education & Health position at the beginning of Term 3 as replacement for Casey and Amanda.

Over the last few weeks of Term 2 and into Term 3 there have also been the following new appointments:

Pru McDonald (Deans' House Support Worker); Matthew Adam (Teacher Aide); Natasha Bowman (Teacher Aide); Susan Kauika (Teacher Aide); Thana Martin (Teacher Aide), Kumiko Skill (Teacher Aide), Tammy Qi (Teacher Aide).

We now have 13 teacher aides based in our Learning Support Centre. The teacher aides head out to classes every period of the school day to support student learning and teaching across all year levels at Whanganui High School.

At the beginning of Term 3, one of our two Guidance Counsellors – Terry Tubman – resigned to take up a new mobile community social worker position. I have very recently appointed Wendy Stanaway to the vacant position. Wendy is currently working as a Guidance Counsellor for the South Taranaki Kahui Ako. We will welcome Wendy to High School when she begins her new role with us on Monday, 12 September.

**2022 Accord Teacher-Only-Day**

A reminder that Tuesday, 23 August is a Teacher-Only-Day allocated in national Accord outcomes to support the upcoming implementation of changes to NCEA.

**Future Focus Week 2022**

A wide variety of Future Focus and course selection activities will begin from 22 August onwards. There will also be a Future Focus evening for students and parents in the school Library on Thursday, 25 August.

Nga mihi nui

**Martin McAllen**  
**PRINCIPAL**