



Friday 6th August 2021

Dear Greytown School Whānau and wider community,

I am writing to inform our whānau and wider community that the Board of Trustees is announcing that last night we accepted the resignation of our principal Miss Patrice O'Connor, which will be effective as of the end of this year. Patrice has been successful in gaining a Principals position at Te Mata School in Havelock North in the Hawkes Bay, where she was previously the Deputy Principal, prior to coming to our school.

Patrice's decision to leave was not taken lightly given her love, hard work and commitment to Greytown school, however this is another step in her career as Te Mata is a school of 550-600 children. She will leave us at the end of the year, ensuring our school is in an incredibly strong position for the new principal.

Patrice has been our principal for the last 5 years arriving as a first-time principal and is now leaving as an experienced principal. Under her leadership, Greytown School has continued to grow to be a strong and thriving school full of incredible children, talented staff and BOT, and a supportive community. During her time Patrice has been instrumental in creating a clear vision and direction for our school, leading numerous curriculum and community initiatives. She has led, alongside the BOT, the process of gaining 9 new classrooms and undertaken other property upgrades which will set our school up to be one of the most future-focussed learning environments in the Wairarapa in the next two years.

As a Board we will be advertising for a new principal who will start in Term 1 of 2022. Over the next few weeks we will meet to work through the process of appointing a new principal which we will keep our community fully informed of.

Finally we thank Patrice for all her hard work over the last 5 years and wish her the very best for her future. Te Mata will be lucky to have her as principal.

Yours sincerely

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