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## News from the Board: Principal Appointment

Kia ora koutou

We are thrilled to announce that Amanda Frater has been appointed as our new Principal and will start at the beginning of Term 4.

Amanda has 16 years of teaching experience with 11 of those in leadership roles, including as Associate Principal at Ngaio School and Assistant Principal at Rangikura School in Ascot Park, Porirua. Since 2019, Amanda has been on secondment to the Ministry of Education and is currently Principal Advisor to the Director of Education. During her time at the Ministry she has worked collaboratively with Principals of schools from Porirua to Horowhenua, and across the wider Hutt Valley to improve educational outcomes, as well as being part of the Ministry's COVID response team.

A number of high calibre candidates applied for the Principal role. The Board was impressed by Amanda's thoughtful and considered presentation on how to lead a great school, as well as her diverse teaching and leadership experience, and in-depth knowledge of the New Zealand Curriculum and effective pedagogy. Amanda has an empathetic, inclusive and collaborative leadership style, with a focus on building positive and trusted relationships.

Amanda is a Wellingtonian – she grew up in Kelburn and was educated at Kelburn School, Wellington Girls' College and Victoria University of Wellington before completing her teacher training at Christchurch College of Education.

Amanda has asked us to pass on the following messages:

### **To the staff and school community:**

*I am very much looking forward to being a part of the Wadestown School community and working alongside the staff and BoT. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us all, as we work collaboratively together for the best outcomes of the students. My welcome to the school to date has been a warm and genuine one. I know that Wadestown School is a school to treasure and I look forward to working alongside you all in the near future.*

### **To the students:**

*I have heard many wonderful things about who you are and the opportunities that Wadestown School offers you all. I understand from the people I have spoken with that you are a talented group of students with much to share. I have also been told that you are keen learners who eagerly demonstrate the school values. I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know more about you and your families.*

To ensure a smooth transition, Amanda will have a handover period with our Acting Principal, Ian Hastie. Our sincere thanks to Ian for his leadership of the school while we have worked through the process to recruit a new Principal.

We are really looking forward to giving Amanda a warm Wadestown welcome to our school and community. The Board will be arranging a series of events so that everyone has a chance to meet Amanda before she takes over the reins as Principal. More details on that to follow.

Any questions feel free to give me a call.  
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Ngā mihi

Mark Crofskey, Chairperson  
Wadestown School Board of Trustees