



Letter from the Chairperson

Tena koutou

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your interest in the position of Principal at our school.

The school is nestled in the heart of Sumner, a seaside village close to Christchurch, which has a strong sense of community, making it a great place to live, work and play.

Sumner School is a fantastic place to learn with an amazing teaching staff, engaged students and a very supportive parent group. We are passionate about ensuring all our students achieve their best academically. Our students are actively engaged in sports, music, arts, culture and are supported in any area they enjoy that helps their development. We embrace approaches that help our children develop an understanding of their character strengths, where their grit comes from and ultimately what makes them happy. We are keen to extend the work we are doing in this area and are looking for a Principal energised about continuing the school's achievements using Positive Education.

Our teaching team operates in a fully flexible and collaborative manner. The renovation of the senior hub was completed last year. This was Sumner School's first fit for purpose flexible learning space for Years 7&8. Further building works due to be completed next year will create spaces for the rest of the school that better match our collaborative teaching style.

We have an impressive kapa haka group and a whanau group to open additional pathways for our Maori and Pacific Island students. The school and board are actively engaged in developing culturally responsible practices, and our new Principal will be expected to champion these practices.

On top of all of this we have an amazing PTA that are well supported by our parents. Our annual quiz night and school fundraising ball (Vegas this year) are legendary. Also on the events calendar, every second year, is the mammoth school production where the entire school works together to create a memorable masterpiece and next year, it's game on!

You will hit the ground running as our new Principal. In addition to overseeing the successful completion of the remaining building work, you will also be working collaboratively with the board, teaching staff, students and parents to develop a new vision for the future of our school. The

current vision was created ten years ago and it's time to revisit this and develop a pathway that can take us forward for the next ten years. As our new Principal you will play a pivotal role in the development of this new vision and bringing it to life here at Sumner.

Our school is well resourced, and our dedicated leadership team, teachers and support staff make it a great place to learn and teach. Good systems, processes and an exceptionally well-run office ensures the wider team can put most of their time into how they teach, teaching itself and the children - not administration.

Thank you for taking the time to apply and we look forward to receiving your application.

Nga mihi nui



Tim Lawrey
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Sumner School