



**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
*Hato Hohepa*

2 March 2018

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

As you all know, Peter Ahern announced his resignation at the end of last year and has since left to take up the role of Principal at Hastings Central School.

Over the last few months, the Board of Trustees have undertaken an in-depth process to find the best person to succeed Peter.

The process has taken a considerable time, and included the input of staff, students and the school community, as well as the parent and proprietor representatives on the Board of Trustees and the Archdiocese.

Last Saturday, we interviewed three wonderful candidates, who each presented a strong argument as to why they should be selected. One candidate however, stood out and we are delighted to announce that Andrew Herrick will be the schools new Principal commencing in Term 2.

Many of you will remember Andrew from the four and a half years he spent at St Joseph's as Deputy Principal. Since leaving in April 2016, Andrew has been Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning at Wellesley College, Eastbourne. Andrew is a passionate school leader, who is looking forward to leading a school where we develop our children into lifelong learners who have the attitudes, dispositions, skills and faith required to achieve success in our ever-changing world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to Chris Steffensen, who has done a fantastic job as Acting Principal since Peter's departure. The Board are grateful for the support and leadership Chris has provided the staff and students.

We are very excited to be welcoming Andrew back into our community. Please join me in welcoming him.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Wanden  
Board of Trustees Chairperson  
St Joseph's School Upper Hutt