

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL STAFFING NEWS

As you know, we like to keep our whanau informed about the goings on in and around our kura. One of the key communications we like to share at this time of year is the information relating to our classroom teaching team for 2020.

Before introducing the teacher line up for 2020, I would like to celebrate the contributions of the team members who are departing St Joseph's to embark on new adventures next year. Firstly, we will be saying ka kite to the following teachers – Brooke Nightingale, Phillip Ferzli, Whaea Carol Elers-Nuku, Whaea Paige Nuku, Angela Gemmell, Kylie Herrick and Samantha Sasse at the end of the year.

After completing her full registration this year we congratulate, and temporarily say "Bon Voyage", to **Brooke Nightingale** who has been awarded a sabbatical from St Joseph's School to complete her overseas adventure in Brisbane next year. We have little doubt you will continue to expand your teaching toolbox during your time away from us. Enjoy your adventures Miss Nightingale and return to us when the time is right.

Congratulations to **Phillip Ferzli** who is fulfilling a long term dream to move his family to their own abode in the Horowhenua District. Successfully winning a teaching position at Horowhenua College, Phillip has been spending many weekends painstakingly landscaping his new property in preparation for their arrival in the new year. We wish you, and your family, the best of wishes for your new life ahead Phillip.

After giving our kura a much needed surge towards true cultural responsive practice, it is with much sadness that we say "Haere Ra" to Whaea **Carol Elers-Nuku** who has won a position at Trentham School for 2020. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the knowledge you have given to each and everyone of us. We look forward to seeing similar changes to Trentham School next year and are thankful you are still within our Upper Hutt Education Network.

Beginning her teaching career with us in 2019, Whaea **Paige Nuku**'s personal goal was to make a positive contribution to St Joseph's School in 2019. It is clear from the work with her tamariki, both in class and through Kapa Haka, that this has been achieved. Paige, we have enjoyed seeing you grow as a teacher throughout the year. We know there is much more growth yet to come and we eagerly wait to see this blossom from your new home at Maoribank School.

Taking time out of her early childhood career to try her hand within the primary sector, **Angela Gemmell** has brought a new lease of life to the junior school this year. Her knowledge in the playbased learning space has been invaluable and we are thankful for her involvement in our school. Angela is returning to Trentham Kindergarten next year and we wish her all the best and await her inevitable return to us.

Moving back into the full time teaching ranks, **Kylie Herrick** has successfully won a position as a learning support coordinator within the Upper Hutt Teaching Network. Kylie has worked for St Joseph's in a part-time capacity for the past 7 years with significant involvement in the special education space. Best of luck with your new position. Hopefully your role will allow for continued input into the educational needs of the students of St Joseph's School.

Last but by no means least we say "Ka kite" to **Samantha Sasse** who is making the move south to the shaky isles of Christchurch with her partner Aidan. Samantha has successfully won a new teaching position. Joining us as a beginning teacher in September 2017, it has been an absolute privilege to watch Samantha grow as both a teacher and future school leader during her time with us. Whaitu School are very lucky to have you join their team.

Thanks once again to these amazing people. The passion for teaching and learning that they have each brought to our community of St Joseph's School is greatly appreciated and we wish them all the best for their future adventures. We will have a special assembly on Thursday 12th December – 9:00am to celebrate these wonderful people and parents and whānau will be most welcome to attend.

CLASSROOM TEACHING STAFF 2020

Junior Syndicate	Yr	Middle Syndicate	Yr
Penny Sinclair	1	Leonette Muller	3/4
Teina McVey	1	Janette Breckon	3/4
Liz Page	1/2	Tayla Whitton	3/4
Trish Randall	2	Leyton Walker - Leader	3/4
Aroha Kale - Leader	2		
Senior Syndicate		Intermediate Syndicate	
Gina Foster	4/5	Erin Chamley	7/8
Heather Mangan	5/6	Ruzia Ataria	7/8
Michael Reid	5/6	Selina Ede	7/8
Nicole Brailsford	5/6	Natalie Hodge	7/8
Kerri Bailey - Leader	5/6	Paul O'Halloran - Leader	7/8

WELCOME

With the addition of two new classrooms to cater for our growing roll, we extend a warm St Joseph's welcome to Erin Chamley, Ruzia Ataria, Gina Foster, Michael Reid, Nicole Brailsford, Leonette Muller, and Natalie Hodge who are joining our learning community in 2020.



Ruzia Ataria – Returning home to Upper Hutt after spending time in Palmerston North is Ruzia Ataria. Ruzia is an experienced and passionate teacher who has the drive and commitment to facilitate positive learning experiences and outcomes for all students in her class. She believes in student agency, and encourages and supports all students to achieve to their full potential. Ruzia is a forward thinking person who is always looking for ways to improve her practice.



Michael Reid – Joining us from Maidstone Intermediate, Michael enjoys providing learning experiences for his students that are engaging and take a holistic approach. An integrated approach to teaching, just like the one employed at St Joseph's School, is one that he really enjoys using to engage his students to get the best out of their learning. Michael challenges himself to meet the needs of his students by forming positive relationships, consistently learning himself and utilising technology wherever possible.



Erin Chamley – Working part time in the intermediate team throughout 2019 it is a pleasure to have Erin join our team in a full-time capacity for 2020. Taking time out to grow her family, Erin is an experienced teacher who is looking forward to having her own class on a permanent basis once again. In her own words, the success of her class starts and ends with the culture that she creates and the relationships that she develops. We know that Erin's passion for her learners, and her desire to see them achieve to the best of their ability will ensure her children receive the best education in 2020.



Nicole Brailsford – New to teaching in 2020, Nicole joins our team after completing a Masters of Teaching and Learning at Victoria University. Nicole has always wanted to become a teacher so that she can make a difference. She aims to do this by igniting children's passion for learning so that they can go on to do wonderful things in the future. A nurturer with a keen sense of humour, sunny disposition, and a drive to succeed in anything she sets her mind to, Nicole's major focus, and driving force for becoming a teacher, is the systemic underachievement of Māori and Pasifika students.



Leonette Muller – A current St Joseph's parent, now staff member, Leonette strongly believes that quality teaching and learning begins with building strong relationships. In her own words "children need to feel safe in their relationships with their teachers and peers which makes getting to know your students key". Leonette understands that children learn in different ways and should be provided with learning opportunities that cater to their unique learning styles, strengths and interests whilst providing clear boundaries and routines.



Gina Foster – Respecting the uniqueness of each child and what they bring to the classroom is at the heart of Gina's teaching philosophy. Moving to St Joseph's after 7 successful years at St Bernadette's in NaeNae, Gina is committed to forming relationships with children, staff, parents and whanau so that she is able to best cater for their individual needs. It is the strength of these relationships that allows Gina to reach, teach and inspire her learners to be enthusiastic lifelong learners.



Natalie Hodge – Our newest recruit, Natalie is in the final stages of completing a Masters of Teaching and Learning at Victoria University. She believes that the best contributions she can make as a teacher are through the meaningful relationships she works hard to create with students, whanau and work colleagues. Natalie is looking forward to engaging her students through collaborative learning and the use of different technologies.

School reports and class placement for 2020 – Student reports, with classroom teachers for 2020, will come home with your child on Friday 6th of December. We will be holding new class visits on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th of December. This gives our children the opportunity to visit their new spaces and meet their teachers for next year.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Herrick'.

Andrew Herrick

Principal