

Message from Mr and Mrs Ward

Dear parents, caregivers and friends.

Both Stacey and I have handed in our resignations to the current board yesterday. I have been appointed as the new principal of North Loburn School in North Canterbury. I will begin this new role from the 25th July (first day of Term 3). This means that this will be our last term here at Patoka School.

The board have accepted both of our resignations effective from the end of Term 2.

Stacey and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here at Patoka. We cannot speak highly enough of how welcome the community have made us feel and the support that has been provided to us by so many people. Patoka School and its community is an incredible place to work. Our three years here have provided us with some of our best memories in teaching. It is a fantastic place to learn and provides our young children with the opportunities and support they need to be lifelong learners.

We would both like to thank all of the people who have supported us – the staff, children, you the parents, and the wider community. You will always be remembered.

We would like to wish Patoka School all the very best for the future.

Darryn, Stacey and Charley

Message from the BOT

Yesterday the current board accepted the resignation of Darryn and Stacey Ward.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for the enormous effort they have put in to our school and for their fantastic dedication over the last 3 years. We would like to congratulate Darryn on his new appointment and wish them all the very best for their new life back in the South Island.

The new BOT will begin planning the process of appointing a new principal as soon as possible. It is likely we will engage the services of an advisor to assist us with this process to ensure we get the best possible applicant.

Gerry Bidwell has agreed to 'step up' as act as Principal during Term 3 until an appointment has been made. Nicky Dawson has agreed to teach full time in Room 2 until the principal appointment has been made.

The immediate priority of the BOT and Darryn is to appoint a suitable junior teacher to take over from Stacey at the start of Term 3. We will endeavour to keep the community informed through the newsletters as we go through the employment process and of any new developments.

Many thanks

Kate Cracknell

On behalf of the Patoka School Board of Trustees

