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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

Looking for a new career – why not Teaching

I am sometimes puzzled and disappointed that more people do not show enthusiasm for entering the teaching profession. The conversational comments you often hear seem to centre around it being such a difficult job, with a big workload and complex student behaviours to deal with.

Teaching certainly has changed over the years; what job hasn't? Teaching is a demanding career and workload is definitely something that needs to be managed; there is no limit to the time, effort and energy that one could put in.

On the plus side though, teaching is rarely (if ever) boring, there is a high level of job security, there is a lot of satisfaction in working with young people, there are 'light bulb' moments when you just know a student has finally understood and there is the longer term satisfaction of seeing young people excel and knowing that in some small (and sometimes very significant) way, you have contributed to that.

Maybe there is someone you know who has talked about teaching as a career (perhaps even as a career change), but the practicalities make it impossible. Recently the Open Polytech have opened two new Teacher Training courses which can be done with a Partner School in the local region; so you don't have to leave home. The first Diploma takes 18 months and is for those who have a Trades Qualification and the other takes 12 months and is for those with a Degree.

We would certainly be interested in partnering and assisting with such training. So spread the word to your friends and those who you think may be interested. We have found that a very effective way to get great teachers in our schools is to train locals.

Hokonui Fashion Awards

With the Hokonui Fashion Awards kicking off in town tonight we want to acknowledge our students and staff. Best wishes to students: Sophie Cupit, Mac McLeod and Alexa Hurley, and to staff: Mrs Sarah le Roux and Mrs Amy Christie.

We understand that Seven Sharp will be interviewing Sophie about her involvement in the Fashion Awards so keep an eye out for that in the near future.

Ngā mihi nui

John McKinlay



COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA

MATARIKI DESIGN COMPETITION



Kayden Todd
Best hand drawn poster



Geoff Ishizuka
Best digital poster



Raihanah Abdul Halim
Highly commended

Last term a design competition was run for students to create a poster to inform people about Matariki. Students were able to hand draw or create their poster digitally. The judges had a tough time deciding between all the amazing designs that were submitted. Well done to all those that entered and congratulations to the winners!

ICAS ASSESSMENTS - SCIENCE & MATHS

ICAS assessments recognises academic performance in a way others celebrate achievements in sport or the arts. Students can sit Science or Mathematics Years 9 to 11. The questions are engaging and fun and have been designed by psychometricians, education measurement experts and experienced teachers to push students to their academic limits, as well as test higher-order thinking and problem-solving abilities.

The cost is \$20.70 per test and the sitting dates are:

- Science 21 – 25 August 2023
- Mathematics 28 August – 1 September 2023.

Payment is via ICAS online booking system by Monday, 31 July 2023

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WED 9 AUGUST
5.30PM - 7.30PM



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open next week.

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page for details.