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Dear Parents and Caregivers

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL**

As you are all aware, Peter Ayson notified us in August of his intention to retire at the end of the year. Peter has served Meadowbank School and the wider community as Principal over the last 20 years with exceptional professionalism and dedication and he leaves the school in a wonderful position.

The Board of Trustees has spent the last few months following a rigorous process to select the new Principal and we now have great pleasure in announcing that Phil Toomer has accepted the role. Phil will start as Principal in the new year.

Phil comes to us from Glenavon School where he has been Principal for the last five years. He has delivered an outstanding result for the children and the community of Glenavon School culminating in the achievement of a 4 – 5 year ERO review, the first for this school. Many of Phil's achievements were recognised when Glenavon School was announced earlier this year as a finalist in the 2018 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards. This was a significant achievement – you can read more about it at [www.pmawards.education.govt.nz/finalists](http://www.pmawards.education.govt.nz/finalists) or <https://youtu.be/AwJScSGcqCU>

Phil is a Meadowbank local and is looking forward to getting to know the children, staff and community in the new year. Staff will have the opportunity to meet with Phil before the end of the year and we are making it a priority to arrange opportunities for Phil to meet with the children and community as early as possible in the new school year.

We are really excited about the passion and energy that Phil will bring to Meadowbank School. Please join us in welcoming Phil to our school.

Yours sincerely



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Chair  
Meadowbank School Board of Trustees