

Principal's Message

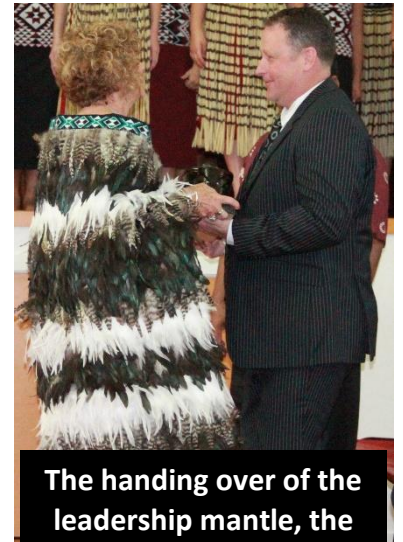
Kia ora koutou katoa and Greetings to you all,



My name is Derek Linington and I am so proud to be your new principal and look forward to building upon the brilliant work that Mrs Judy Morgan has done at this school. Papakura Normal School will be the third school at which I have been the principal and I bring to you 10 years of principal experience. I am passionate about ensuring that children achieve to their potential and that they feel safe and welcome at school.

My pōwhiri was an amazing event. The people that attended with me all commented on what a beautiful school we have here, and of course I agree with that. In addition to this the children and staff have been so welcoming and everyone's caring for each other was obvious. I would like to thank the children of Papakura Normal School for the way in which they behaved and sang during the pōwhiri, it was amazing.

At the pōwhiri Mrs Morgan handed over the school's taonga a papahou, to me as a symbolic gesture. I am honoured to take up the challenge of ensuring that every child receives a positive education at our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our school's Board of Trustees for appointing me as your new principal. Our Board Chairperson, Mrs Shona Paul and I are fast developing a positive relationship. This working relationship is vitally important in ensuring the continued strong governance and leadership of Papakura Normal School.



The handing over of the leadership mantle, the school's taonga.

I would like to thank the kapa haka groups from both Royal Oak Intermediate and Papakura Normal Schools for their outstanding performances.



Papakura Normal School Kapa Haka

Royal Oak Int. Prefects

Royal Oak Int. Kapa Haka

Papakura Normal School students



Royal Oak Int. entering



Head Boy Mose Milo's welcome speech



Farewell Mrs Morgan