9 November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Appointment of new Principal

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Jo Hillman as our Principal commencing in term one 2017.

Ms Hillman is an experienced educational leader who has worked in a range of Birth-12 and regional and central office settings, with the government and non-government sectors, several state jurisdictions and international environments. She demonstrated through the recruitment process an expertise and experience in: early childhood education; English as an Additional Language (EAL); Special Educational Needs (SEN); indigenous education; gifted and talented education; and teacher professional learning.

She is currently acting as Principal of Devonport Primary School in Tasmania after serving the previous six years as Principal of Smithton Primary School. She also holds a Master of Education degree, with a specialisation in Educational Leadership. Ms Hillman is very much looking forward to settling in Hamilton and leading a school with such a strong heritage. On behalf of School Council we look forward to welcoming her to our school community in 2017.

We have been very fortunate to have acting Principal, Ms Sandra Bourne fill the role for the last two terms of this year. It is a very difficult position to occupy and we thank her most sincerely for the effort and leadership she has provided particularly as we have also undertaken a significant capital works project during this time. We have appreciated the empathetic and caring approach Sandra has taken in managing the school over the last two terms and we will formally express our appreciation and gratitude at the end of year.

Our school year is quickly nearing an end and I look forward to all your continued support in the countdown to the end of term.

Kindest regards

Hugh Koch

School Council President