



Sunnybrae Normal School

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Kia ora Students, Parents & Caregivers and others in our community,

I am very pleased to announce that the Board has appointed Lorene Hurd to be the next Principal of Sunnybrae Normal School.



Lorene comes to us with a rich history of high quality teaching experience starting back in Canada, where she did her teacher training with a focus on Physical Education. Then, after following her Kiwi partner here to Auckland, she has mostly been at Kristin School in Albany, first as a teacher and then as Team Leader, with a focus on mathematics. More recently she has been a Deputy Principal at our close neighbour - Takapuna Normal Intermediate School (TNIS).

This year she took that role even further, and gained a taste for the top job, with a very successful period as the Acting Principal of TNIS for terms two and three. During this time, she ably led her team through the intensity of the school's review by the ERO (the Education Review Office), and the commencement of a period of physical works and upgrades to the school's infrastructure.

The Board was very pleased with the calibre of applicants and worked closely with The Education Group to assess and determine the shortlist, conduct interviews and make this key appointment to the Principal role.

Lorene is both a dedicated and experienced teacher as well as being a proven leader. Her knowledge and experience in the role and operation of a Normal School was seen as a clear strength, as was her strong presence and abilities as a confident communicator. Lorene is familiar with this area and our school community. We believe that she will be an excellent fit with our current staff and will find settling into the role a very easy transition.

After Jennie Stewart retires at the end of this term, our fabulous Deputy, Karen Rodger, will step up to be the Acting Principal for any matters that arise during the holidays. Lorene will formally commence in the position at the beginning of Term 1 in 2018.

Please join the Board in welcoming Lorene to Sunnybrae. We are sure that she will do a wonderful job as the next leader of our school.

Kind regards,

Terry Sugrue
Chairperson
Sunnybrae Normal School Board of Trustees