



**Linwood
College
at Ōtākaro**

Rāhina, 25 January 2021

Kia ora koutou. Talofa. Kia Orana. Malo e lelei. Bula. Fakaalofa atu. Namaste. Kumusta. Greetings to all and welcome to Linwood College, 2021.

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere.
Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.

How fortunate we are to live in Aotearoa-New Zealand with the vast majority of us able to have an “open” Christmas, New Year and summer. After our 2020 this was so important to us. For me, the break has woven its magic and I am completely looking forward to 2021. I hope that this is the same for you.

Staffing: this has been a considerable job both over term 4, up to Christmas and the last few weeks, right up to this morning. We have 13 staff new to LC:

1. John Edmundson has resigned effective from the end of 2020. We wish him well.
2. Charlotte Cottrell, Yr 7-8 }
3. Susie Cottrell, HPE }
4. David Draper, Technology } fixed-term 2020 to permanent
5. Diane Keppel, Finance Officer }
6. Jasmine Peate-Garratt, Art/Te Reo Māori }
7. Jane Schroeder, English }
8. Olivia (Libby) Silvester, Maths }

9. Marco Guglietta, HPE }
10. Leisha Connolly, Soc Sciences } day-relief 2020; fixed-term 2021

11. Trish Bennett, Payroll admin, permanent (Becky Bennett’s mother)
12. Marianne Budd, Learning Support Coordinator, permanent, ex Kamo HS
13. Caitlin Campbell, English, permanent, ex Kaiapoi HS
14. Wladek Czerepowicz, Maths, 2021, PCT 1
15. Briar Dumelow, Specialist Learning Acceleration Teacher, 2021, ex Halswell Residential College
16. Nicole Eastwick, Social Sciences, permanent, ex Hornby HS
17. Randall Grenfell, LC Tech Centre, permanent, ex UC technician/tutor
18. James Lowe, Specialist Learning Acceleration Teacher, permanent, ex Halswell Residential College
19. Christopher Manuel, Science, 2021, ex Westland HS
20. Sophie Noreen, ELLs and English, 2021, ex Ashburton College
21. Paul O’Connor, Asst HOLA English and WSL Literacy, permanent, ex Catholic Cathedral College
22. Trina Smith, Food/Fabrics Team Leader LC Tech Centre, permanent, ex Kaipara College
23. Genevieve Williamson, Yr 7-8, permanent, ex South Hornby School

We will have the opportunity to meet our new staff on our two Staff Only Days, Thursday-Friday 28-29 January; after-school drinks (principal’s shout) also Friday 29 January; and the mihi whakatau on Tuesday 2 February.

Kia ora koutou to all the staff who have been working to set up the start of year process.

Education is a noble, values-based profession. The whakatauki at the start of this letter is the one I use each prizegiving as it speaks to us how it is through education that children can be the best people they can be by accessing all the opportunities open to them in the big, wide world out there. We are creators of hope and fulfilment and 2020 showed, again, just how important our role is. Mauri ora.

A reminder that the staff information for the start of 2021 is the red link-button at the top of our staff landing page.

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hou; best wishes for the new year – Dick

Richard Edmundson
Tumuaki-Principal

He awa whiria: the braided river

