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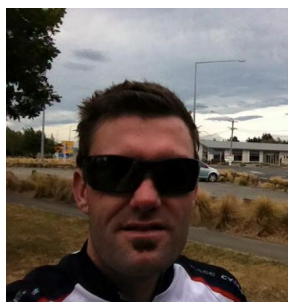
Dear Parents, Caregivers and future Year 7/8 students,

We are really excited to be working with you all over the next 3 days as we prepare for our year together in 2019. Students will spend most of these transition days with their whānau teacher for 2019 but we will join together as a hub for some activities. On Friday afternoon students will go back to their 2018 whanau teacher after lunch to take part in some tabloid activities. During the transition days we will be doing activities to get to know each other as well as setting up the routines for next year.

Having students start each transition day with this year's Whanau teacher will ensure we are able to check in with each student to find out how the transition is going and support any students who may be feeling anxious about the change ahead.

Looking forward to next year, here is some information that may help you:

- Your child will benefit from having three teachers in one learning space. This will enable us to cater for more needs and use teacher strengths to deliver a well rounded programme.
- Oaklands School is a Sunsmart accredited school so it is compulsory for all students to wear an Oaklands School uniform sunhat each day in Term 1 & 4.
- Students bringing their own device will need to complete the BYOD test and return their signed form before using their device at school.
- Year 7 Camp is set for Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th February. Parents please keep an eye out for camp communication.



## Bryan Brown

I have been at Oaklands since 2009 teaching mainly in the Year 7/8 area of the school. I have been involved in many extra curricular areas of the Kauri Team. My wife Emma and I in recent years have expanded our family with my daughter Alexandra (4) and my son Sebastian (2). I love spending time with my family, especially taking my children out to places like Mega Air, the beach and new playgrounds around Christchurch. I'm excited about teaching in Year 7/8 again and I look forward to getting to know all of the new students.



## Lance Muller

I have been a part of the Oaklands community since 2009. I have enjoyed getting involved in many different aspects of school life during this time. My wife Stephanie and I are proud parents of Hadley (16), Emily (8) and Lucy (5). In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family. I also like to get out on my mountain bikes as much as possible. I am excited about teaching Year 7 and 8 again in 2019.



## Sarah Berquist

I joined the Oaklands School community at the beginning of 2017 teaching in Year 6. I have enjoyed getting involved within different areas of the school. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, as well as travelling to new places. 2018 brought a new year level for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Year 7/8. I am looking forward to another year in the 7/8 Hub and am excited for 2019.

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We would also like to warmly invite you to the following community events in Term 1, 2019:

- Family Community Evening and Picnic, Thursday 7 February 2019
- Goal setting meetings, Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 February 2019

We look forward to getting to know you all during the next few days.

Regards

Bryan Brown, Lance Muller and Sarah Berquist

***Ehara taku toa  
i te toa takitahi.  
Engari, he toa  
takitini.***

*Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.*