

## Chairperson's letter of welcome.

February 2019

Thank you for taking the opportunity of applying for the position of U4 Principal at Glenavon School. At the end of 2018 we said Farewell to our extraordinary Principal Mr. Phil Toomer who left us for an amazing promotion opportunity. While with us, Phil took Glenavon to a whole new level and we gained a ERO review cycle of 4 – 5 years which is unheard. Plus, last year Glenavon was represented in Wellington, as we were finalists in The Prime Minister's Excellence awards. Phil really led us through remarkable changes and was also an inspiring mentor to all students, staff and the community that he left behind.

The Board was very sad to see Phil go but also knew what an extraordinary team he left behind Glenavon so that we would steadily carry on “achieving the extraordinary” without Phil’s presence. The Board is 100% supportive and stable. We back our School and everyone involved in it. Most of our BOT are in their third term but we have to make special mention of one extraordinary member who has been on the board for nearly thirty years. Her dedication to Glenavon really shows how much we all love Glenavon School and the people around it.

Student achievement, of course, is number one for us. We are more like a smaller country school but are surrounded by so many other schools and we are located in the heart of our community. Being in a busy Auckland suburb we are very special as we can offer the full package ECE on site and we offer full primary all the way to year 8 plus a satellite room from Oaklynn Special School. Although we are small we pack a punch in all areas against neighbouring schools especially on the sports field but also in keeping up to date with every opportunity the bigger intermediates may offer. We offer all the technology subjects as well as other subjects. We also have terrific facilities such as our own pool, Astro turf, Glen’s Cafe and a bike track.

Glenavon is not looking for incredible change - we are already achieving the extraordinary. We are looking for someone who will uphold our vision including: we “Back ourselves” we “Back our School” and we “Back each other” and to also continue to “Achieve the Extraordinary” with us and the amazing team of inspiring 100% dedicated and loyal staff.

So much more I could talk about but If you would like to know more about our unique amazing gem of a School please check out of Facebook page or the Glenavon School website.

We invite all applicants to send their application material and to be assured the Board is going to appoint according to the State Sector Act – the “best person for the job”. All applicants will be notified as to their progress all the way through by our consultants or myself.

All The Best  
Warmest regards

Deborah Taka  
BOT Chairperson Glenavon School

