

12 May 2017

**Note to parents and carers about
Trevor Bowen resigning from the
position of Principal at BNWPS**

Dear parents and carers,

I write to inform you that I am resigning from the position of Principal at Brunswick North West Primary School. I feel very sad to be announcing my departure from this great school. In another way, I am excited that on the horizon there are now opportunities for fresh eyes, new perspectives and a renewal of governance and leadership of the school and community that is so important to me.

Many will recognise there comes a time in all our endeavours when it seems the right time to close the book, and not just turn the page. For some the prospect of change might be an unwanted development. I know for a fact that the momentum in the life of this school community is enormously bigger than any one person. There are so many committed and wonderful parents and staff at BNWPS. I am reassured the directions and ethos of our great school will continue and develop, but with opportunities for insight and emphasis from a different leader.

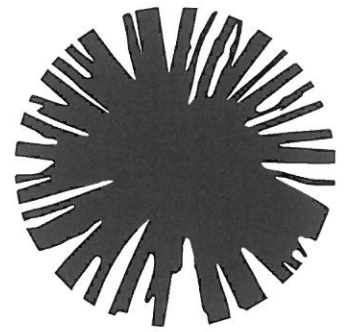
I am departing somewhat earlier than I anticipated for various personal reasons. Life really is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans. It has been an enormous privilege to be in this leadership position and to work with so many wonderful children, great parents and dedicated staff members. The warmth, intelligence, good humour and supportiveness of so many parents and staff has been a most rewarding element of my role. This is especially true of the School Council and subcommittee members I have had the honour and good fortune to serve with. Most importantly, it has been a cherished privilege to see children grow and develop, to enjoy their effervescent sparkle of liveliness and see them grow into such fine young people.

I will continue in the position of Principal for the remainder of Term 2 & 3 2017. I am then taking long service leave for Term 4, and will not be returning from this leave.

School Council, along with staff representatives, will engage with senior education leaders from the Department of Education during Term 3 2017 in regards to the process of advertising and selecting a suitable new Principal. This appointment will commence at the start of Term 4 2017.

I will work with School Council, Hannah as the current Assistant Principal, senior BNWPS staff and eventually the successful new Principal to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Yours sincerely
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