



SAINT KENTIGERN TRUST BOARD

Friday 15 June 2012

Dear Saint Kentigern Community

The Trust Board has great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr Peter Cassie B.Ed,TCC as the new Principal of Saint Kentigern School effective from Term 4, 2012. In making this appointment, the Board was fortunate to have a very strong field of candidates from New Zealand and overseas with experience, talent and expertise. The Board believes that Mr Cassie has the professional and personal qualities, aligned with our values and vision for the School, that are key to providing outstanding leadership.



Mr Cassie has considerable experience in the education sector with 24 of the last 30 years devoted to independent boys' education at primary level. He is currently the Principal of the newly formed Scots College Middle School (Years 7-10), having formerly been Principal of Scots College Preparatory School (Years 1-8) for 10 years. Both these roles have involved all facets associated with the management of a school. Prior to that, he held varying positions at King's School, including Dean of the Senior School. At this stage of his career, he has aspirations to head a leading independent school and is delighted to have been offered the opportunity.

He is passionate about the independent school structure and the opportunities it offers to students, staff, past students and parents. In particular, he cites the importance of a values system being central to teaching. He says that values build standards and nurture relationships among all members of a wider school community; values that are sometimes seen to be lacking in society. He recognises the importance of the Saint Kentigern Way and the tradition of 'Keeping the Faith.'

Mr Cassie is married to Sally and they have two children, Lyle age 21 and Candace age 19 who both attended independent schools and are both currently studying at university. He attributes a great deal to the importance of family and the role that Sally has played in support of his career. Sally is also involved in education and has held senior leadership roles in successful preschools.

The Trust Board is confident that Mr Cassie will provide strong and effective leadership for Saint Kentigern School as it continues to build on the strong foundations and achievements of the first 53 years. Mr Cassie will take up his appointment at the start of Term 4 and is looking forward to working alongside Sandra Hastie in her new role as Head of Primary.

As we move into the next chapter of Saint Kentigern, we once again acknowledge the dedication and hard work that Geoff Burgess has given to Saint Kentigern over the last 19 years. We thank him for his service and look forward to farewelling him in fitting style at the end of Term 3 before welcoming Mr Cassie the following term.

We will be keeping in touch over coming months and would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards



Bruce Goodfellow
Chairman of the Trust Board