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Matt Schmidt's resignation

Dear parents /guardians,

It is with regret I accepted Matt's resignation on Friday last week, with Matt having decided it is time for him to move on at the end of the year.

The Board of Trustees want to take this opportunity to thank Matt for the 3 years he has given our school and community, and the many positive changes he has introduced and overseen at Awahou. Due to Matt's influence, Awahou School is in a great place, and our students are well equipped to flourish in a rapidly changing world.

This was not an easy decision for Matt to make. Particularly, as Awahou is just starting to gain national recognition for the programmes it is running, and the results being achieved. However, Matt knows he is a driver of change, someone who enjoys breaking down barriers and finding new ways of doing things and has come to the decision that now is a good time to hand over to someone else to lead Awahou School on the next stage of its journey.

With the support of his staff and the Board of Trustees, Matt will continue to work hard to continue the excellent learning environment he has cultivated at Awahou School.

Matt goes with the blessing of the Board of Trustees. Thank you, Matt, for giving so much of yourself to our school and children, and for your unique blend of humour, passion, energy, and child-focussed education philosophies. It has been a privilege.

The Board of Trustees have started the process of finding a new principal and intend advertising the position by 14 September.

If Matt's resignation raises any concerns with you, please feel free to discuss these with Matt or one of the Board of Trustee members.

Kind regards

Alistair Beveridge
Chair - Awahou School Board of Trustees