

23 March 2016



### **Appointment of Principal – Northcote Intermediate**

Following the departure of our current Principal, Mr Craig Holt to Willow Park Primary school on 29 March 2016, the Northcote Intermediate Board of Trustees is pleased to announce our new Principal at Northcote Intermediate commencing on 30 March 2016 as Mr Ben Kelsey.

In his role as Deputy Principal at NIS, Ben has played a pivotal part in making Northcote Intermediate a school of choice for our surrounding communities and we are delighted to appoint him as the Principal. We look forward to working with him as part of the Board of Trustees and as our school's leader.

Ben is committed to ensuring that things remain "business as normal" at Northcote Intermediate for all staff, students, whanau and other community groups the school engages with. He and all staff at the school will work to minimise any disruption over this period of transition for our students but, if anyone does have any concerns over the transition period (or at any time), please ensure you raise them directly with Ben or you can contact myself directly via the school office staff, who will ensure I contact you to hear and address any concerns you may have.

If anyone has not yet had the opportunity to meet with Ben we would like to make you aware of a great community event which has been organised by our current students and our fantastic and dedicated PTA. We have a family/community picnic arranged for 5pm-7pm on Friday 1 April where Ben and other staff members will be present and you can meet him there.

The board wish every success with the next step in the careers of both Mr Craig Holt and Mr Ben Kelsey. We are very sorry to see Craig leave but also very excited at the opportunity to continue to work with Ben.

Those who may be interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees are welcome to attend any of our meetings which are highlighted in our newsletters. There is a triennial election this year with five parent trusteeships up for re-election.

If there are any parents or community members who wish to stand and do not know what it entails, please contact the office staff who will put me in touch with you to discuss.

Joanne Fagan-Oslawskyj - Board chair, Northcote Intermediate