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The Board-Appointment Subcommittee (supported by education consultant, Rachel Allan) has undertaken a comprehensive process to successfully appoint a new Principal. Consultations were undertaken with staff, students and the wider community to find out what you value in a Principal and our school. Shortlisted applicants were visited in their schools and then a further shortlisting was done. The interview process involved applicants presenting on "Transitioning to Principal of Kio Kio School" and questions guided from your consultation responses.

The Board are thrilled to announce the appointment of Pip Were as the new Principal of Kio Kio School, effective start Term 3, 2024.

To welcome Pip and provide an opportunity for everyone to get acquainted, we will be hosting a meet-and-greet event at school in the near future. We encourage all members of the Kio Kio community to attend and share in the excitement of this new chapter.

We are confident that Pip's leadership will have a positive impact on our school, and we look forward to supporting her in the on-going success of our treasured school and its community.

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,
Ko Maukatere tōku maunga,
Ko Hurunui tōku awa,
Nō Amberley ahau,
Ko Dineen tōku whānau,
Ko Pip tōku ingoa.
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

My name is Pip Were, and I am very excited to become a part of the Kio Kio School community as the new Principal, starting at the beginning of Term 3.

I am currently the Principal of Rangitoto School, where I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this beautiful rural school over the past four and a half years.

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I am married to Brendan Were, and we have three children: Annabella, who is 15, Jack, who is 13, and Sam, who is 11. Our family lives just north of Te Kuiti. My husband is a dairy and dry stock farmer, and we are a busy sporting family that makes the most of life's opportunities. As I step into the role of Principal of Kio Kio School, I am committed to guiding our students on their learning journey. I aim to help them discover their identity and value through our educational, cultural, and sports programmes. By adopting a strengths-based approach, we will foster their self-worth and instil the Kio Kio School POWER values of Perseverance, Ownership, Wonder, Excellence, and Respect. This prepares our students to become literate, numerate, and functional members of our community, able to enjoy "whakatangata" – "playing the game of life."

I am really looking forward to meeting all of Kio Kio School's students, staff, whānau, and the wider community to build strong relationships. I encourage all parents and whānau to get involved and share their ideas, as your input is invaluable. My door is always open, so feel free to come in and say hi.

Ngā mihi nui,
Pip Were

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