

8CU - CCM

MT HUTT COLLEGE
2018

Kia Ora students and parents.

I am thrilled to be your CCM teacher for 2018. I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know a little more about myself, and my expectations for this year.

I am 47 years old and have been teaching for 27 years. I began my teaching at Waipukurau Primary in Central Hawke's Bay with Years 4-6, before traveling the world on my OE working as a Tour Guide / Cook around Europe. On returning to NZ I settled in Christchurch and I spent 4 years at Linwood Intermediate with Years 7/8. I also spent a year teaching in Canada on a teaching exchange to Ontario with Grade 7/8. For 10 years I worked at South New Brighton School by the beach, I spent 3 years with Years 5-6 and 7 years as Team Leader for the Year 7-8 team. I lived in beautiful Southshore surrounded by the beach and estuary.

In 2009 I was fortunate to take a term's leave to travel to South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Morocco, Turkey, Greece and New York. During the 2010-11 Christmas break I spent 6 ½ weeks traveling around South America (Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil) – an amazing experience! These recent holidays my partner Chris and I spent 2 weeks over Christmas in Thailand - land of the smiles.

Although I have traveled extensively I must admit that there is no place like home. New Zealand richly deserves its clean green image and long may it last!

I grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Methven, and spent all my school years at Methven Primary and here at Mt Hutt College (then known as Methven High School). Methven is my 'turangawaewae' - my home.

This is my 7th year teaching at Mt Hutt College, as well as being the Dean for Y7/8, I teach CCM and Mathematics. I am passionate about sport and enjoy being involved in all school sporting events. Teaching Maori is another strength and interest.

I enjoy travel, Giraffes, mosaic art, gardening and my dog 'Kiwi' (a 3 year old chocolate Lab).

I am looking forward to being your teacher and learning more about you. I do set challenging expectations of my students, but my motto is that "TEACHING and LEARNING should be fun!" and with everyone's co-operation we should have a fantastic year.

I encourage you all to come to me if you have any problems or concerns and I will do my best to help in any way. I look forward to reading your replies.

KEEP SMILING

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