



February, 2021

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Part Time Fixed Term Year 5-6 Scale A teaching position at St Brendan's School. You will find we are "an inspirational Catholic School that challenges students to be the best that they can be, whilst walking hand in hand with Christ". Our GRACE values: Gospel, Respect, Aspire, Compassion and Explore are represented in all that we do.

This is an exciting opening for you to join our supportive learning community. St Brendan's offers a lot in terms of quality resourcing, a positive work environment, great students and professional development opportunities.

This position is 0.4, two days a week, to release our Deputy Principal. Our Year 4-6 Adventurers Team is made up of four single cell classes with the teachers working collaboratively to build an effective and interesting curriculum and learning environment for their students. The teachers enjoy working in this way as they find it supportive and motivating.

Information about the school can be found on our school website: www.stbrendans.school.nz.

Please state your strengths and areas of interest in your covering letter.

You are welcome to contact me for further information about this position, or if you would like to meet with me or our Deputy Principal and visit our school prior to submitting your application.

I look forward to receiving your application. Please e-mail principal@stbrendans.school.nz, your covering letter, CV and Application form by Thursday, 11 March.

God bless,

Veronica Sawers
Principal

Criteria for Appointment

- Ability to meet the requirements of the Person Specification
- Ability to uphold and promote the Catholic Character of our School
- Record of achievement as a classroom teacher
- Additional personal and professional qualities of the applicant

Appointment Timeline:

- Position advertised online from Friday, 26 February
- Applications close on Thursday, 11 March
- Shortlisting to take place Thursday, 11 March
- Interviews scheduled from Friday, 12 March
- Applicants advised the week of Monday, 15 March

Person Specification

Fixed Term Part Time Year 5-6 St Brendan's Teacher

Start date to be negotiated – through until the end of the 2021 school year.

Knowledge and Understanding

The appointee will have:

1. A willingness to uphold the Catholic Character of the School and to deliver the Religious Education Curriculum.
2. Sound knowledge of the New Zealand Curriculum and current teaching pedagogies.
3. A commitment to child centred learning.

Skills

The appointee will:

1. Have strength in utilising information technology to support teaching and learning programmes. St Brendan's is a BYOD learning environment.
2. Foster learner agency.
3. Have the ability to collaborate with other teachers which will include developing effective team planning and assessment for learning.
4. Have demonstrated ability to work constructively with parents, teachers and other education professionals to enhance the learning of children.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to students and enhance their achievement.
6. Have knowledge of collaborative teaching pedagogies.
7. Have strengths collaborating both within and across schools. St Brendan's is part of the Upper Hutt Education Network.

Experience

The appointee will:

1. Have recent experience in making positive change and have a commitment to develop and implement strategies which encourage school improvement.
2. Have created a stimulating classroom learning environment that has been an excellent model to others.
3. Demonstrate a sound understanding and experience of the teaching and learning process and how it applies to successful classroom practice.
4. A willingness to uphold the special Catholic character of the school.
5. Have a sound understanding of the New Zealand Curriculum and how it applies to successful classroom practice.

Personal Qualities:

The appointee will

1. Be enthusiastic and show initiative.
2. Genuinely enjoy children, teaching and working in a co-operative environment.
3. Demonstrate an ability to build and maintain excellent working relationships with parents, colleagues, the wider community and Parish.
4. Be open-minded, willing to learn and explore new ideas and experiences.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to ongoing professional development.
6. Be willing to take part in extracurricular activities.
7. Be a team player who will willingly support and empower others.
8. Model a positive and professional attitude to change and school development.
9. Demonstrate a good sense of humour.