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Dear NAC Members

Announcement re APPA President Retirement

I write to let you know that Malcolm Elliott has notified the Board of his decision to retire from his presidency. This is after four and half years of distinguished service as President of our association and an entire career dedicated to leading in schools and educating students.

Malcolm has retired from his position with the Tasmanian Department of Education and Young People earlier this month and subsequently retired from his presidency with APPA.

We wish to acknowledge Malcolm's capacity to forge strong and reciprocal relationships with a broad range of educational stakeholders including successive Ministers of Education, the Commonwealth Department of Education, ACARA, AITSL, ESA and AERO. The partnership built and continued with the New Zealand Principals' Federation has been of great mutual benefit.

His notable service and leadership have been so evident through the pandemic and then more recently in progressing the actions and responses of the Principal Wellbeing Survey, and the National Teacher Workforce Plan. His excellent advocacy of primary principals and primary schooling more broadly has continued APPA's preeminent and unique position in the educational arena.

The recruitment process will commence for a new president to lead APPA, building on the excellent support, leadership and advocacy by Malcolm Elliot and the strong foundations and legacies of our former APPA presidents. The APPA Board will work determinedly in the coming weeks to fill the role of president due to this vacancy. This of course will be done as per the APPA Constitution.

In the interim, I will work with the Board, to ensure the work of APPA continues. I thank both the Executive Officer, Graeme Feeney and Executive Assistant, Tania Buktenica for their readiness to increase their hours to assist us in maintaining the effective workflow of APPA.

We thank Malcolm for his dedication to APPA and wish him well in his retirement.

With kind regards



Sally Ruston AM

APPA Deputy President

On Behalf of the APPA Board

- Pat Murphy – President of Australian Government Primary Principals Association (AGPPA)
- Peter Cutrona – President of Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association (ACPPA)
- Wayne Revitt – President of Independent Primary School Heads Australia (IPSHA)
- Angela Falkenberg – AGPPA Board Representative
- Phil Schultz - ACPPA Board Representative
- Paul Clegg – IPSHA Board Representative

