



29 June 2015

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to supply a reference for Steve Wren.

Steve joined our school community when he enrolled his son Louie at Muritai School in 2005. He came to me with a proposal to teach drums and guitar at our school as an itinerant music teacher. As a result the Muritai Strummers and Drummers was initiated and took on a life of its own. Working during the school day, students were withdrawn in small groups to receive either guitar or drum tuition.

Steve's sunny disposition instantly connected with the children and the programme was immensely popular with his services in high demand. The regular showcase concerts took an age to get through as every child had a chance to show their skills and progress.

Steve has a real connection with the students. He is kind and patient and highly skilled. Because of this the children want to do well. They practice and show significant progress in a short time. Our older children, aged between 11-13 easily form bands and play and sing together. Steve has not only taught them the skills of playing an instrument, he encourages the concept of musicianship and to sing as well.

One highlight has been the development of the band 'The Valve' who started learning music with Steve as 8 years olds to become the top Wellington and NZ Primary School rock band. This group is still together and has since progressed further through the ranks of competitions as they progress through Secondary School. They are outstanding musicians and it all started through Steve Wren's programme.

We will miss Steve at Muritai and hope that another school in the UK gives him a chance to work his magic teaching children instruments and forming bands.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Bird  
Principal



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3 June, 2015

To whom it may concern,

Steve Wren has been working at Naenae Intermediate School for eight years, from 2008 until June, 2015. He has been our school tutor for drum and guitar students. Each year the number of students has grown and Steve has accommodated this by working around his busy timetable to fit these students.

All the students regard Steve highly as a teacher. Many have enjoyed two years of tuition in their chosen instrument before moving on to College and I have no doubt that this is because of their friendship and learning opportunities with Steve.

I have always found Steve to be totally professional in his job, respectful of the children and trustworthy as a tutor in our school. He has a friendly, laid-back teaching style that appeals to the 11-13 year old age group.

Every year, the students perform to their parents and friends. Steve prepares them for this, and knows that for many, it is their first public performance. He is kind and helpful, and each year the students benefit tremendously.

I wish Steve all the very best for his future employment. He is a superb drummer and guitarist in his own right and our school will miss his skills and tutorship very much.

Yours faithfully,

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June 25th 2015

REFERENCE: Steve Wren

To whom it may concern

I have had the pleasure of employing Steve Wren for the past ten years as a music tutor for students at Waterloo School. Steve has worked with individuals and small groups of children teaching drums, bass, and guitar.

Steve is a very accomplished musician himself playing in several bands as a drummer. His cheerful personality combined with his musical skill set has proved to be a winner with our students. We hear stories of how Waterloo School students go on to feature in both musical events, and intermediate and college bands. Steve's influence has been a contributing factor to their success.

Steve is a reliable and trust worthy person and he has been extremely popular with our students and parents. He ran his music tutor business separate to the school but always communicated well any changes to his timetable and student roster.

I have no hesitation recommending Steve's services to any one wanting musical tuition either individually or in small groups. Steve is leaving the school to return to his home land England.

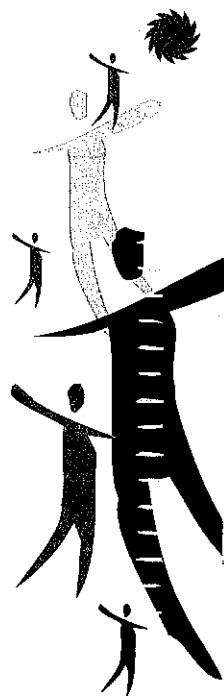
I personally thank him for the tremendous impact he has made teaching our students and wish him every success for the future.

Yours Sincerely

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Graeme Sullivan

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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past ten years Steve Wren has offered drum tuition for students within our school. Over that time we have thoroughly enjoyed his company, his professional manner and the wonderful interpersonal skills that he uses with his students to positively encourage the best from them.

Steve has worked in a number of schools in our region and all of the respective school leaders value him highly. This is because he adds value to our programmes, is highly flexible and responsive to timetable changes and because the students thoroughly enjoy their lessons with him.

We are very sorry to be losing Steve and we will find it difficult to replace him. I unreservedly endorse him as a man of great character and a friendly, positive and fun addition to any school setting.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Yours Faithfully

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