



Retiring deputy principal of Chatham High School, Don Linegar, with principal Willem Holvast and the donation to CanTeen. Instead of a farewell gift and "In true Don-style" the funds were donated to the cancer charity for teenagers.

Parting gesture will help teens with cancer

AFTER 13 years as deputy principal of Chatham High School, Don Linegar was farewelled by his long time colleagues and friends.

It was clear from the many well wishes, speeches and tributes that he will be missed around the school, as much by the students as the staff.

Throughout his 36 year teaching career he has been known as compassionate, selfless and honourable, and this was most evident in his parting gesture.

It is customary for the staff to put in money when a fellow teacher or colleague retires, to purchase a farewell gift, however Don had other ideas.

"He told us that he already has everything he needs and that the money should be spent on something more worthy," said careers advisor, Neil Locker.

"And so after years of serving kids, he wanted us to donate the money to other kids in need, and give it to CanTeen."

A cheque for \$325 will now be forwarded to the organisation that provides support services to young people aged between 12 and 24, who are living with cancer.

"The best thing about Don is his strong sense of humanity, he really cares about the staff and students," said Neil.

"He will be greatly missed."