

Dear Parents/Caregivers

2 February 2010

Welcome back to 2010. It is great to see the children well rested and keen to see their friends and get on with their learning. At a special assembly this morning we talked quite a bit about change and how we can make it a positive thing. It can be a wee bit daunting starting in a new classroom and with a change of classmates and routines.

We introduced our new teachers: Miss Wieggersma is teaching in Room 1. I will be sharing this class 2 days a week. Mr McHutchon is in Room 2 where he started in Term 4 last year. Mrs Tuliau has taken on the extra responsibility of being our Deputy Principal. She is teaching in Room 3 and will be released every Wednesday by Mrs Hamill. Mrs Tippett is teaching in Room 4 and will be sharing her class 1 day a week with Mrs Kerslake.

There is one more change in the pipeline at this stage. Tomorrow you will see my position advertised in the Southland Times. Mr Hall and I sold our farm over a year ago and have been looking at our options. Towards the end of the holidays everything fell into place (We found something we both liked!!) and we will be moving to Marlborough in April. Obviously I am going to miss the school, district, and children terribly but will be enjoying them as much as I can until I finish at the end of the term.

The stationery lists are on our website now or your children should have brought home a copy. It would be great to have them ready to use by Friday.

We will be swimming every day. Please make sure your children have their gear.

Touch Southland will again be running a competition this term. Please let me know if your child is interested. Thanks. The football draw will be given to the teams today as it starts up again next Monday.

Room 1 children will be staying in town all Wednesday this term. After Technology our first mission is to brush up our swimming and lifesaving skills at Splash Palace. Later in the term we will be going to the Museum and Art Gallery. We will return to school each Wednesday in time for the school bus.

There will be no sausages this week and, as Room 1 will be away every Wednesday, we will be having our sausage sizzles on Fridays, starting 12th February. Please let Nicky know if you are available to cook these at school this term, and she will do a roster. Sausages remain \$1.50, including bread & sauce.

The school triathlon will be held next Friday, 12th February. Children will run, bike & swim – more information will be in Thursday's newsletter. Newsletters will be sent home every Thursday. Please look out for them each week.

Regards, Jane Hall