

School Newsletter No 1/2011

4 February

Dear Parent/Caregiver



Welcome back to school. It has been a wonderful start to the school year with nearly every student starting their first week back at school with all their stationery.

This makes for a great start as it means classroom programmes can commence immediately for all students. If you are one of the few who have not already purchased books please arrange to do so today. It is essential that all students are able to begin their work and re-establish their routines as soon as possible.



We are delighted to welcome three staff members back, all of whom have previously worked in the school. Sarah Mason is teaching Year 3/4 students. Dave Greville is our part-time Special Needs Coordinator for 2011. Dave is working in this role on Mondays and Wednesdays. Sharon Watson has re-joined the staff as our part-time Reading Recovery Teacher.

The **staff list** is included for your information. This year Marilyn McKenzie, Marianne Coldham and myself will continue to develop the implementation of the National Standards and lead further work on student-led conferences. Vanessa Murphy, Catherine Pulford and Nathan Russell will be leading our syndicates and assisting with our projects.

Junior 1 Syndicate - Leader Vanessa Murphy

Rm 10 Vanessa Murphy NE/Yr 1 Rm 9 Yvonne Gray Yr 1
Rm 8 Stephanie Bootten-Baines Yr 1

Junior 2 Syndicate - Leader Catherine Pulford

Rm 3 Catherine Pulford Yr 2/3 Rm 7 Helen Coakley Yr 1/2
Rm 6 Vanessa Graham Yr 2/3

Senior Syndicate - Leader Nathan Russell

Rm 12 Nathan Russell Yr 5/6 Rm 1 Sarah Mason Yr3/4
Rm 11 Dana Matthews Yr 4/5 Rm 13 Dane Burmester Yr 5/6
Rm 14 Marianne Coldham Yr 5/6 Rm 2 Chelsea Hatcher Yr3/4

Principal	Leanne White
Deputy Principal	Marilyn McKenzie
Assistant Principal	Marianne Coldham
Special Needs Teacher	Dave Greville
Reading Recovery	Sharon Watson
Executive Officer	Helen Puketapu
Administration Assistant	Michelle Curel
Teacher Aides	Sue Tuffin, Sharron Brown, Jillian Green
Caretaker	Bruce Aitken
Cleaners	Mikolai Kicul, Richard Marston



If you have recently changed your address, phone number, work phone number, emergency contacts, etc. please ensure the office has the latest amendments. This is very important because we rely on these lists during civil defence emergencies such as earthquakes. If we have to contact parents/caregivers on **mobile numbers the cost of these calls will need to be reimbursed.**

Medical Updates/Accidents We would appreciate notification of any new medical condition/s your child suffers from. This information is passed on to the class teacher and kept on a master file in the office.

<u>Term Dates</u>	Term 1	3 February to 15 April	Term 2	2 May to 15 July
	Term 3	1 August to 7 October	Term 4	25 October to 16 December

School hours are 8:55 am - 3:00 pm.

Please ensure your child/ren do not arrive at school before 8:15am.

Sunhats, sunscreen and water bottles are a necessity at school this time of the year. Please ensure your child has a **named sunhat every day** and leaves it at school. Sunscreen should also be reapplied during the day so we ask that you send named sunscreen to school for your child's use. Water bottles are allowed in the classroom during the school day - please ensure your child brings a named water bottle which contains water.



Swimming

Swimming notices will be sent home. We are very fortunate to have a heated swimming pool and would appreciate your support by ensuring you provide your child/ren's named swimming gear on the appropriate day. Swimming is part of our Physical Education programme. Send a note to the class teacher if your child is unable to swim because of medical reasons.

Caregivers arriving with lunches, togs etc must report to the office.

Running Club/Game Club

Running and Game Club is on every Thursday rain or shine. Meet by the hall at 8.15am.

Dane Burmester

Organising Teacher

Instrumental Music Class Tuition

Classes in violin, recorder, flute, viola, fife, trumpet, cello, clarinet and guitar will be held at Fergusson Intermediate School in Trentham every Saturday during school terms, beginning 20 February. Registration day is on Saturday 12 February between 9 and 11 am. Annual costs are \$30 per single student; \$30 hire charge for violin, viola and trumpet; \$60 hire charge for clarinet and flute (excluding fife, recorder, saxophone, guitar and percussion/drums - to be supplied by student). For further details please contact Virginia Philip 526 9643. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn music at a reasonable cost.

Concerns/Queries

Please approach your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns or queries. Often issues can be resolved if they are dealt with promptly. If you are still concerned you should contact the syndicate leader.

We have a number of old tables and teacher desks we no longer need. If you would like any of these please see your classroom teacher. They will need to be removed by Friday next week (outside school hours).

Leanne White and Staff