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Hi everyone.

Board Changes:

We are sad to advise that Robert Monteith, the Board Chairman, has resigned from the school board as his family has moved to the Hawkes Bay. The Board would like to thank Robert for his considerable contribution to the School over recent years and wish him and his family well in their new endeavours.

The new board chairman is Darren Beauchamp.

This leaves an open position on the Board. The Board is a rewarding experience and provides a real insight into the workings of the school. Being a Trustee allows you to provide a real benefit to the school. There is a description of the role at the following Ministry of education site <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Boards/EffectiveGovernance/Overview.aspx> . There is also training available. We are a friendly lot and if you would be interested in joining, or would like to know what it entails, please let me (Darren Beauchamp, beauchamp@paradise.net.nz) or Jan Win know.

New Classrooms:

The new classrooms are nearing completion with handover expected in the next couple of weeks. The new rooms will not have classes in them until term four. We will be getting furniture and equipment for these rooms and starting to use them for group work later this term. The new rooms have been built for modern learning with an appropriate design to keep students comfortable and focused on their learning. The new rooms will also allow teachers opportunities for working with smaller groups of children as they have areas designed for this.

We will be holding a formal blessing and opening so please keep an eye on the school newsletters for the date for this.

Fencing

The fencing of the grounds is nearly completed offering a safer environment for the children. Students have been taught to open the gates at the entrance to the school. The gates connecting to Robert Street, Link Road and newlands Park will be installed soon. They will be open for entry and exit of the school day. If you use the gates during the day please ensure they close behind you.

Darren Beauchamp

Chairman, Bellevue School Board of Trustees