

Word from the Board
May 2012

Some Updates of Activities for the Community

Staffing

As you will have read in the newsletter Karen Ataera is taking maternity leave from term three this year. Karen and Jason are expecting their third child and the Board wishes them well. We have appointed Bronwyn O'Halloran to teach in Room 5 from the beginning of term three. Some of you will already know Bronwyn as she is a local in Newlands and has been teaching part time at Newlands School for a number of years.

As well as welcoming Bronwyn we also welcome Anne Smith to open a new class in Room 1. Anne has come from recent experience teaching new Entrants at Churton Park.

Denise Taylor left early this term to begin a full time position at Kindercare in Johnsonville. Her position was advertised and we received a large number of applicants. The panel appointed Amanda Beauchamp to the Accounts Manager position and she has been working in this role since 4 May.

Wednesday Programme

We have the opportunity this year to employ Crisanna Nel for one day a week while she is on maternity leave from her full time position. All students are having time with her for Waiata and Tikanga Maori in their syndicate groups. This takes place between 9am and 11am. After morning tea she is teaching Te Reo to two groups of Maori students. This is a great opportunity for them to work together to contribute to the realisation of the Ka Hikitia aim for Maori to succeed as Maori. After lunch Crisanna and Shanelle Ruka-Karauti are working with junior and senior Kapa Haka groups.

The Board is pleased that they can support these programmes

Sabbatical

Jan has been awarded a term of sabbatical leave that she will take in term three this year. Margaret Hesketh will fill her roll and be our Acting Principal for that time.

Change of roll on the Board

We have had a change of responsibilities on the Board. Darren Beauchamp's position as treasurer has moved to Michael Warwick and Michael's responsibility for property has transferred to Ian Dickson.

Kind Regards

Bellevue School Board of Trustees
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