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Welcome:

Our 103rd school year began today with 29 new enrolments. I will list names of new children over coming weeks. It was wonderful to also greet children who have returned after a refreshing holiday – despite the somewhat unsettled weather!

The roll today stands at 386 – slightly higher than at the start of last year, but included in this total are a few children who did not return today, meaning they could have shifted away during the holidays. We will have a more accurate roll total next Tuesday.

I am delighted to welcome three new teachers to the staff – Susie Keenan (Rm 7), Briar Parker (Rm12) and Sharon Wall (Reading Recovery). Susie replaces Sally Nelson, Briar steps in for Linda Nevill (who remains on extended sick leave) and Sharon replaces Lorraine Sutich who retired. Welcome also to Marina Lewis who joins our Teacher Aide team.

This year promises to be an exciting one as far as school programmes and ongoing school development are concerned. I will endeavour to keep families fully informed about school matters via our weekly newsletter which will usually be published on Tuesdays.



Room 2 New Entrants enjoying school

Years 5 & 6 Camp:

Years 5&6 children are looking forward to their camp at El Rancho, Waikanae which is just two weeks away, commencing on Tuesday 21 February. Many students have already settled their entire camp fee by intensive fundraising efforts last year.

Please look out for the special camp newsletter which Mr Chalmers will send home TOMORROW - Wednesday.

Principal: Dennis Thompson

Email: principal@lyallbay.school.nz

The Education Review Office reported that ... **“The quality of teaching is consistently sound with some examples of highly effective practice...”** from our most recent report April 2010

2012 School Organisation:

We begin the new school year with a significant change to school organisation. We now have three syndicates – Junior, Middle & Seniors which replaces our traditional two departments. This means that class programmes can be more closely aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum as follows:

Junior School – Years 1-2 students – Level 1 NZ Curriculum

Middle School – Years 3-4 students – Level 2

Senior School – Years 5-6 students – Level 3

Ultimately, each syndicate will be housed in their own particular area of the school, but until new classrooms are completed, we have no choice but to locate classes where existing space permits.

Management Staff

Principal - Dennis Thompson

Deputy Principal - Clint Chalmers

Assistant Principal - Jan Cross

Lead Teachers:

Juniors - Carolyn Ward **Middle** – Shona Fort **Senior** – Rochelle Todd (acting)

Room	Teacher	Level	Start Roll
Room 1	Jan Cross (Assistant Principal)	Year 1	9
Room 2	Tracy Brown	Year 1	13
Room 4A	Marije Knevel	Year 1	20
Room 3	Bev Dean	Years 1-2	26
Room 4	Carolyn Ward (Junior Leader)	Years 1-2	24
Room 5	Jocelyn Kebbell	Years 3-4	28
Room 6	Gary Tresch	Years 1-2	25
Room 7	Susie Keenan	Years 3-4	27
Room 8	Shona Fort (Middle Leader)	Years 3-4	28
Room 9	Meena Vallabh	Years 3-4	28
Room 10	Rochelle Todd (Senior Leader) acting	Years 5-6	27
Room 11	Christine Cowan	Years 5-6	25
Room 12	Briar Parker	Years 5-6	28
Room 13	Debbie Limpus	Years 5-6	26
Room 14	Anita Tufuga	Years 3-4	27
Room 15	Kieran McDonald	Years 5-6	25
Total Roll			386

Reading Recovery Sharon Wall

Special Needs Lynda Peterson (Special Ed Coordinator – SENCO)

ESOL Student Support Gillian Birch (part-time)

Part-time Teachers Pauline O'Sullivan, Amanda Willis, Nicola Stevenson

Teacher Aides Julia Carlisle, Ngaire Applegarth, Eileen MacDonald, Wendy Madsen, David Wong, Glenn Hunter, Mike Sagar, Bharti Narsi, Katarina Sundberg Carson, Amanda Green, Marina Lewis

Office Manager Kathy Dempsey

Caretaker / Cleaner John Rauhihi

Class Newsletters – contact with families:

Many teachers will be sending home special newsletters / notices over the next couple of weeks outlining aspects of the classroom programme that can be supported from home. Notices may outline some homework requirements, and make requests for specific items not already included on the general stationery lists already issued. Parents are asked to check children's bags regularly for school notices. We strongly value regular communication between home and school. **Parents are always welcome to make contact with staff members** to discuss any issues that may arise during the course of the year.

Property Update:

Stage 1 of our upcoming new buildings project is due to commence shortly. Tenders have been finalised, consents lodged, and we now await action. A pity that they couldn't have started during the holidays!! Watch this space.

Absent Children – please call us:

Parents are reminded that regular school attendance is necessary for children to maintain a positive rate of school progress. It is also a **legal** requirement that whenever your child is absent, you provide the school with a reason for the absence. **Please ring the school if your child is away for any reason. You can leave your message on our absence line 24/7.** Your full support in this important matter is appreciated.

School Fair – Friday 16 March:

The next meeting of the Friends of Lyall Bay School will be held in the staffroom **next Thurs 16 Feb, at 7.30pm.** We are organising the School Fair which will be held on Friday 16 March. Please come along to show your support. Contact us at friends@lyallbay.school.nz

We regret that we are unable to transfer calls directly to classroom teachers **during class contact time.** This is just too disruptive to classroom programmes.

Activities Levy Tax-refundable Donation:

The Term 1 Activities Levy Tax-refundable Donation is now due. We rely heavily on funds collected from this levy to pay for **extra** classroom resources and school-wide activities that we cannot provide from our current level of government funding.

Thank you for your assistance and ongoing support for the school.

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ACTIVITIES LEVY DONATION - Now due for payment

Name of Child: **Room No:**

Please find enclosed:- Term 1 Activities Levy - \$30.00

Please find enclosed payment for the year - \$110.00

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