

# Final Tuesday Newsletter

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## Final Newsletter for 2011

- End of Year Details / 2012 Information

### A Special Thank You:

Because this is our final newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all staff, Board of Trustees, and all of those many supportive parents for their hard work and dedication shown towards our children this year. In many ways 2011 has certainly been a challenging year for us all, but I am confident that your school is a markedly better learning community for our children than it was 12 months ago, thanks to this wonderful support.

### Farewells:

Sadly, this time of the year is a time when we have to say farewell to some special people. 60 Year 6 children will leave us this week to go on to Year 7 next year. Our best wishes go to all of our graduates and their families – especially those who will no longer have siblings still at the school. Several other families are moving away from Wellington. Please keep in touch with us so that we can share your future successes.

Sally Nelson leaves our permanent staff after being a popular teacher in Room 3 for the past two years. Sally has decided to move to another area in New Zealand and we wish her every success for the future. Lorraine Sutich, our Reading Recovery Teacher since late 2007 is retiring from teaching. We wish her all the best. Susie Keenan has been appointed to replace Sally and Sharon Wall will take over Lorraine's Reading Recovery duties. We have also farewelled Caroline Chan, one of our senior school teacher aides who has worked with us for two years.

Thank you to all of the above-mentioned staff. Our very best wishes to you all for the future.

### End of Year:

Parents are reminded that school officially finishes at **12:30pm THIS Friday 16 December**. Please diary the start of the 2012 school year. Children should arrive for their first day on **Tues 7 February, 2012**.

### Classes for 2012:

Parents have been advised of their child's classroom for next year via a special note given out at Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. Parents should note that it is school policy to change **most** children's teachers on an annual basis in an effort to re-balance each room with an even range of children. Parents should also note that, whilst we make every endeavour to provide balance within classes, and ensure that children have the opportunity to mix with some existing friends or acquaintances, **the main criteria teachers use when finalising classes is based around your child's academic needs**, not their social calendar. Therefore, if your child complains that he/she is not with their best friend, please support us by encouraging your child to think of their new class in a positive frame of mind, and as a personal challenge to develop new friendships. Who knows – they may even like their new teacher!! Establishing balanced class lists is a complex and very time-consuming task.

### Return of School Property:

Please check your child's bedroom and under your couch for any items belonging to the school. Teachers are currently stocktaking reading and library books, along with other school resources and we would like any outstanding items returned (no questions asked) as soon as possible. Please also check for any T-Shirts that may have been borrowed from the school. We are missing a few, and would like them back.

### Lost Property:

**All unclaimed property from the lost property bins, and items left in corridors and classrooms, will be disposed of on Friday.** You are also welcome to help yourself to items that remain unclaimed on Friday. This is much less wasteful than us just disposing of good clothing.



*Year 6 students who will be leaving us on Friday 16 Dec*

## Proposed School Organisation for 2012:

Due to the proposed buildings and the establishment of a new Year 3 and 4 syndicate, there are significant changes to our organisation for 2012. At the start of the year, the organisation will be:

- 3 New Entrant/Yr1 classes (Rooms 1, 2 & 4a)
- 3 Junior (Yr 2) classes (Rooms 3&4, 6)
- 5 Middle School (Yrs 3-4) classes (Rooms 5, 7, 8, 9 & 14)
- 5 Senior (Yrs 5-6) classes (Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13, 15)

As the new buildings come on board next year there will be changes to where the Year 3 and 4 syndicate children are housed.

### 2012 Senior Management Staff

**Principal** - Dennis Thompson

**Assistant Principal** - Jan Cross

**Snr Tcher Middle Classes** – Shona Fort

**Deputy Principal** - Clint Chalmers

**Snr Tcher Junior Classes** - Carolyn Ward

**Snr Tcher Senior Classes** – Linda Nevill

Room	Teacher	Class Level	Start Roll (approx)
Room 1	Jan Cross (Assistant Principal)	New Entrants Year 1	11
Room 2	Tracy Brown	New Entrants Year 1	13
Room 4a	Marije Knevel	New Entrants Year 1	18
Room 3	Bev Dean	Year 2	24
Room 4	Carolyn Ward (Senior Teacher)	Year 2	24
Room 6	Gary Tresch	Year 2	25
Room 5	Jocelyn Kebbell	Years 3-4	26
Room 7	Susie Keenan	Years 3-4	25
Room 8	Shona Fort (Senior Teacher)	Years 3-4	27
Room 9	Meena Vallabh	Years 3-4	26
Room 14	Anita Tufuga	Years 3-4	23
Room 10	Rochelle Todd	Years 5-6	26
Room 11	Christine Cowan	Years 5-6	27
Room 12	Linda Nevill (Senior Teacher)	Years 5-6	27
Room 13	Debbie Limpus	Years 5-6	25
Room 15	Kieran McDonald	Years 5-6	24
		Possible Starting Total	<b>371 Total</b> (approx only)

## Year 6 Graduation/Disco –Tonight!! (Wednesday 14 December)

The Pines Restaurant-

Graduation 5.30 – 6.30 (Parents and family welcome)

Dinner 6.45 – 7.30 (Students and staff only)

Disco 7.30 – 9.10 (Students and staff only. Parents welcome at 9.00 pm)

### Senior School Camp 2012 – February 21 - 24

By now all students attending camp next year at El Rancho will have received 3 Newsletters and Forms to be completed and returned to school. There are still about 25 students who have not returned their Camp Consent Forms and Health Profiles. Without these forms being completed and returned to school, your child will not be able to attend camp. If you have lost or misplaced these forms they are available for download from the school website-

<http://www.lyallbay.school.nz/camp.html>

### Community Notices / Holiday Programmes –

**Pet Care** – going away over the holidays?? We will check in on your pets daily and feed them to your requirements – leaving you to enjoy your holidays. Phone 387 2171 or 021 0279 1203 for further details.

**NZSO Te Papa Family Day** – free concerts at Te Papa Tongarewa designed for the young and young at heart. Saturday 17 December from 10.30am until 3.00pm

**French Classes continuing** - French classes will continue after school next year. Further information contact Kinu 027 411 9250

**House Cleaning** - Single storey house cleaning available during summer holidays. \$25 per house. Contact Cain 9739998 or 0211256233

**Wellington Edible Cities** - A local food project in collaboration with neighbourhood gardeners, Lyall Bay School, Wellington City Council and Massey University. Book now for Free Workshops: [popupgardening@gmail.com](mailto:popupgardening@gmail.com) or phone 801 5799 x62465

**Kids Gardening** - with Sarah Adams - Learn about plant development, make plant pots, plant seeds, learn seedling care. Sunday, January 29th - 10.30am, Located in the green space between 85 & 87 Ross Street Kilbirnie or Sunday, January 29th - 1.30pm, Civic Square, Wellington City.

**HRV Cup Fan Day** - Friday December 23, 2pm – 4pm @ Basin reserve. Meet the Wellington Firebirds (including Mutiah Muralidharan). Plenty of giveaways.

### And From All of Us...

On behalf of all the Staff, Board of Trustees, and Friends of the School we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very enjoyable festive season.

