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## Principal's message...

It has been a very exciting time for me over the last few weeks. My wife, Aimie and I welcomed a beautiful daughter into the world. Her name is Holly. She is just learning how to sleep during the night time, which is great fun, as I am sure you all remember!

I would like to thank Toby Stokes who was Acting Principal whilst I was away with Aimie and Holly. He did a wonderful job and I would like to thank both him and Megan Cannan for their hard work in making sure I was able to spend some special time with my new family.

Learning reports were sent home last week and the opportunity to give us feedback on the new system is still available. Please visit the school website and click on the feedback link. We are aware that there is a lot of information in the reports and that you may need some help with understanding parts of them. We have provided a couple of videos and 'frequently asked questions' that help to better explain the Learning Reports. These are all on the website - [www.fendalton.school.nz/learningreports](http://www.fendalton.school.nz/learningreports).

Class placements will be sent home on Monday 14th December. Placement details for new children, or those who will be finishing before this date will be posted. We have some final modifications to make at this stage but we are well advanced in the process. Generally, no changes can be made after placement notices are sent out. Any concerns should be directed to me, not to classroom teachers. It is always a juggling act to fit 500 plus children into classes. One change can have ramifications for many other children's placements. We take the process very seriously and I'm confident that you will all be happy with the result!

Next year the teachers for each year group are as follow:

Year 1 - Kat Smith, Deborah Kennedy, Angela Wells, Paulette Newton and Louise Dennis.

Year 2 - Paul Page, Cat Kincaid, Megan Graham

Year 3 - Louise Dobson, Deborah Davids and Sheena D'Abreo

Year 4 - Kiri Anngow, Duncan Holland and Kirsten Brown

Year 5 - Sue Gordon, Marama Buck and Kate Husband

Year 6 - Carolyn Gregg, Judy Harford and Chris Rae

We have a number of staff leaving at the end of this year. We will farewell them officially at our final Celebration and Farewell Assembly, which will be held tomorrow, Friday 11th December starting at 9.45am. People being farewelled are: Claire Howison, Kadon Captain, Kim Wilson, Ros Tippen, Donna Frame, Brent Horton and Kylie Searle.

Year 6 will be celebrating their last few days next week with a Leavers Assembly on Wednesday and the final Prize Giving Assembly on Thursday. Bring your tissues, there's bound to be tears! Please remember that our final assembly is from 9.30 -10.30am on Thursday 17th December. After this you are free to take your children home. We will be using the rest of the morning to shift any class furniture to new rooms and do a final clean up. As always, you are always welcome to help! School officially closes at 1.00pm sharp.

This is the last full newsletter for the year. However, there may be bits and pieces coming home next week.

I would like to wish all the children, parents and staff a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe and see you in 2010.

Paul Sibson

**Fendalton School extends a warm welcome to:** Emily, Harrison, Daniel and Malek in Rm 6

### **Celebration Assembly Friday, 11th December at 9.45am**

Rooms 18 and 2 invite you to our Final Celebration and Farewell Assembly for staff leaving the FOS community this Friday. Assembly will start at the earlier time of 9:45am. We would appreciate you being seated in the hall well in advance so we can start promptly at this time.

### **BOT Report**

**Voluntary Donations:** These can be paid at the PTA stationary sale at the beginning of Term 1. The Board would appreciate prompt payment early in the year from as many families as possible as this allows us to manage teaching programmes effectively.

**Library update:** An extraordinary meeting of the Board will be held on 22nd December to appoint a building contractor. Early in 2010 the sub-committee will have a display in the administration area to show the furniture etc that we are hoping to buy with the support of the PTA.

### **Some things to look forward to in 2010:**

E.R.O visit (preparation has already begun); Clearer communication from the Board using the school website; Parental input to the strategic plan; A new library; The upgrade of the senior block; the conversion of current library into three classrooms; Trustee elections.

**Thank you:** Finally the Board would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard this year to create a great learning environment for our children. From the staff, to those parents who provide support in the classrooms, transport, working bees, and fund raising. Special thanks to Deb Brownie for her tireless work in helping us obtain funding through grants for the past eight years.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

### **Stationery Packs for 2010**

Stationery packs and additional items including hats, sports uniform tops and shorts will be on sale in the school library on the following dates: **Saturday 30th January 10am - 12.30pm and Monday 1st February 9 - 11.30am.** Voluntary contributions and the paper levy will also be able to be paid at the stationery sale. Eftpos, cheques and cash will be accepted. Please ensure you have payment for your purchases as no credit is able to be given.

If you would like to purchase your children's stationery elsewhere, the classroom stationery lists can be downloaded from the school website after the beginning of January.

### **Dates to Diary:**

#### **December**

- 11 Rms 2 and 18 on Staff Leaving Assembly 9.45am
- 16 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
- 17 Rms 3 and 21 on End of Year Assembly 9.30am
- 17 Last day for 2009

#### **January**

- 30 Stationery Sale in the Library 10am - 12.30pm

#### **February**

- 01 Stationery Sale in the Library 9am - 11.30pm
- 02 First day of 2010

### **Opening of the Seating Area and Christmas Carol Evening Tonight 10th December 5.30pm**

Please join us for an evening of fun and entertainment as we open the gorgeous seating area and begin our Christmas celebrations. Families are asked to assemble on the courts to await a welcome from the kapahaka group. Families can then share a fish and chip or picnic dinner. Junior children will join together to entertain you with Christmas Carols at about 6:30pm. If it is raining this evening, fish and chips will be held in the children's classrooms and the carols will be in the tiered seating area of the Village. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Term Dates for 2010**

School will be open on the following dates:

Term 1	Tuesday 2 February to Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April to Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October to Friday 17 December

### **Statutory Holidays During 2010**

Waitangi Day	6 February
Good Friday	2 April (school holidays)
Easter Monday	5 April (school holidays)
Easter Tuesday	6 April (school holidays)
Anzac Day	25 April
Queens Birthday	Monday 7 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October
Show Day	Friday 12 November

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## Fendalton Successes

Congratulations to Bronte in Rm 8 who sailed in the Luney's Regatta/Championship at Charteris Bay Yacht Club during the last weekend of November. Sailing her Optimist Bronte finished 2nd overall in Green Fleet. An excellent result.

## Read, Feed, Speed Thanks

Thanks to all those Dads and OSMs (Other significant males) who came to our 8th Annual Read, Feed, Speed day last Friday. We had beautiful weather and it was great to see Dads all around the school reading, eating and playing sport with their children. Thanks to Orla Forde and the PTA for their assistance with cooking 800+ sausages!

## Future Problem Solving

It has been a very busy year of thinking for the Future Problem Solving (FPS) teams and we celebrated with a shared lunch on Monday. Thank you very much to the parents who contributed delicious food for this.

We have just received the last set of booklets back for this year. The topic was "Cyber Conflict" and the Year 6 and Year 5/6 teams both got certificates for "Excellent Problem Solving". Congratulations to these students: Olivia, Sophie, Ollie, Harry, Sam, Alex, Amy, Eric, Georgia, Hamish, Jonathan, Jacob, Sam, Caitlin, Jared, Thomas, George, Alex, Will, HeeJun.

It has been a pleasure for Mrs Coats and myself to work with all the FPS team members in 2009. Mrs Williams.

## Library News

### Stocktake

All library books should have been returned to the library by now. We need to stocktake all books and send out accounts for missing items.

We are very grateful to the PTA. It is because of their fundraising that we are able to purchase new books each year. Your help in keeping track of our books is important so please return all library books.

### Sports uniforms

All uniforms (except those doing centrals) should be returned by now. Please chase up items and return to the library.

### Calendars

Please think of keeping old 2009 calendars for school. We can use them for art and for library displays.

Thank you

Have a safe, healthy and happy Christmas.  
Happy reading.  
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## Teacher Aide Required - Special Needs

We require a teacher aide to work 8 hours per week, Monday - Thursday mornings during school terms. This position is a fixed term contract to support the learning of a student with a learning disability. This person must be a team player, show initiative, and be patient. The closing date for this is **Tuesday 15th December 2009**. Enquiries to Miranda Ph 351 9788, or send a letter with your CV and references to Miranda Beuzenberg, Associate Principal, Fendalton School, 168 Clyde Rd, Christchurch 8053.

## Lunch Box Express

Thank you to all the children who visit me and make my job a pleasure. The canteen will be close for the year on Wednesday 16th December, and reopen on Monday 8th February (week 2).

Merry Christmas  
from Nicki Jenkins

## Sports News:

### Tee Ball and Volleyball

Our eight Volleyball and four Tee Ball teams wrap up their summer competitions at Hagley Park tomorrow. Well done to the B Volleyball team who only lost one game to end up 2nd in the first ever Primary School Volleyball competition. The Tee Ball teams are all in finals tomorrow and we wish them well, especially the A team and Ted Brehm who play Elmwood in the grand final. See the Tee Ball blog off the FOS Sports Blog for more details.

### Milo Cricket

The Red and Blue teams are unbeaten and will play in their finals this week. The Blue team have a chance to win the Milo Trophy (we have been runners-up for the last 6 years in a row)!

### Athletics and Run, Jump, Throw

The Athletics team performed superbly at the Primary Sports Canterbury Champs last week, bringing home 18 medals. Details are on our Sports Blog.

On Monday the Junior team had a successful Run, Jump, Throw Day. Results are on the Sports Blog.

### Touch Rugby

A reminder that the last game for our 13 Touch teams who play at Nunweek Park is next Tuesday, 15 December. Games restart on Tuesday 9th February 2010.

### 2010 Sports Dates

The dates for 2010 Sports events have been sent home with this newsletter. These dates could change, so watch the newsletter and the Sports Blog.

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