



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you receive this, we have entered into that strange time of having single digit days left of school for the year. You will begin to see work coming down off the walls and the appearance of Christmas! In the 8 and a half days we have left, there is going to be a great deal of activity happening around the school. This will include packing up our library as we will need to use the library as a classroom space while the next block of classrooms is being built.

Next week, the intermediate students have a trip out on Wednesday, the year 1-4 students have trips on Thursday and the year 5 students have an overnight camp!

What's new for 2023:

As well as new staff, we are also in the position to rethink how we identify class groups. Because the new block will not have set classrooms, and the following year we will have a second block of new classrooms, we needed to think a bit differently about how to "label" the group of students who work with a particular teacher. So for 2023, we have opted for the surname of the teacher. For example - Mrs Mackenzie's class will be called **Mackenzie**. We will be sending home a map of the physical location of the rooms to help you get used to it. But you will find most of the teachers are in the same physical space as this year!

Classes and Staff for 2023:

Room Name:	Year level:	Teacher Name:
Smyth	New Entrant	Mrs Mandy Smyth
Ballantyne	New Entrant/Year 1	Mrs Emma Ballantyne
Mackenzie	Year 1/2	Ms Dorreen Mackenzie
De Menech	Year 1/2	Miss Jess De Menech
Mudgway	Year 3/4	Mrs Jenn Mudgway
Jones	Year 3/4	Mrs Rhonda Jones
Mei	Year 3/4	Miss Courtney Mei
Ross	Year 5/6	Mrs Megan Ross
Burt	Year 5/6	Miss Rachel Burt
Salter	Year 5/6	Mr Daniel Salter

Walker	Year 5/6	Mr Derek Walker
Phillips	Year 7/8	Mr Miu Phillips
Kirkpatrick	Year 7/8	Miss Cath Kirkpatrick
Hart	Year 7/8	Miss Jody Hart
Bird	Year 7/8	Mr Dylan Bird

New Staff:

As you will have noticed in the classes above, there are a few new names. Mrs Ross is, of course, Miss J's married name!

Our new staff are as follows:



Mr Dylan Bird



Miss Cath Kirkpatrick



Miss Jess De Menech



Mrs Emma Ballantyne

Mrs Mackenzie:

As Room 1 parents and students will already be aware, Mrs Mackenzie will be finishing for the year next Wednesday as she needs to have some medical treatment. She will be back with us next year after a well earned rest! Mrs Possenniskie (Mrs P) will be looking after Room 1 for the last week of the year.

**Pack the Bus:**

Final push for the Pack the Bus appeal - happening at 10:50 on Tuesday 6th December at Greytown School. Thank you to those who have sent in donations. We are happy to take donations on Monday also.

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Paula Weston
Principal